

NOTICE - CITY OF ROMULUS PUBLIC HEARING - DEMOLITION 02-2

Notice is hereby given that the Romulus City Council will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, September 23, 2002 at 6:00 p.m. Prevailing Eastern Time, in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174-1485, for the purpose of hearing objections to demolition and/or removal of debris on the herein described properties:

1. 13530 Goddard (Commercial Building) THE SOUTH 166.50 FT OF THE WEST 360.60 FT OF THE S W 1/4 OF SEC 16 EXCEPT THE SOUTH 60.0 FT THEREOF ALSO EXCEPT THE WEST 48.0 FT 0.73 ACRE

2. 10979 Wayne (Single Family Dwelling & Outbuildings) 16T1A U1A1 THE SOUTH 166.50 FT OF THE WEST 360.60 FT OF THE S W 1/4 OF SEC 16 EXCEPT THE SOUTH 60.0 FT THEREOF ALSO EXCEPT THE WEST 48.0 FT 0.73 ACRE

3. 36036 Goddard (All Structures) 17C35B LOT 35 EXCEPT THE E 150 FT MEASURED AT RIGHT ANGLES TO THE E LOT LINE SUPERVISORS ROMULUS PLAT NO. 3 T3S R9E L 65 P 67 WCR

4. 32790 Henry Ruff (Radio Station) 03BB1A2 BB1B1B PT OF THE SW 1/4 OF SEC 3 DESC AS BEG N89D 59M 10S W 1306.65 FT AND N 1D 14M 46S E 157.14 FT FROM THE S 1/4 CORNER OF SEC 3 TH N 0D 04M 55S E 285 FT TH S 89D 55M 05S E 126.45 FT TH N 53D 23M 20S E 134.29 FT TH N 0D 06M 19S E 49.90 FT TH N 53D 23M 20S E 123.89 FT TH N 1D 10M 56S W 776.15 FT TH N 89D 46M 18S E 1094.18 FT TH S 0D 21M 45S W 148.06 FT TH S 53D 23M 20S W 1166.58 FT ALON A LINE PARALLEL TO THE CENTERLINE OF HENRY RUFF ROAD, 66 FT WIDE TH S 0D 06M 19S W 211.83 FT TO THE CENTERLINE OF SAID HENRY RUFF ROAD TH S 53D 23M 20S W 82.59 FT ALONG SAID CENTERLINE TO A POINT OF CURVE TH CONTINUING ALONG SAID CENTERLINE ON A CURVE CONCAVE TO THE NORTHWEST RA2.DIUS OF 1815.29 FT ARC OF 247.41 FT THE CHORD BEARS S 57D 17M 36S W 247.22 FT TO THE POB 12.90 ACRES.

5. 7133 Kempa (Removal of Debris) 11A249 LOT 249 ECORSE CITY COMMUNITY SUB T3S R9E L 56 P 39 40 WCR

6. 7168 Merriman (Garage Only) 10A1A1J1 THAT PART OF THE NE 1/4 OF SEC 10 DES AS BEG AT A POINT OF THE E LINE OF SAID SEC DIS DUE SOUTH 264.0 FT FROM THE NE CORNER OF SEC 10 AND PROCH TH DUE SOUTH ALONG SAID E LINE 80.0 FT. TH S 89D 22M 20SEC W 246.0 FT. TH DUE NORTH 80.0 FT. TH N 89D 22M 20SEC E 246.0 FT. TO THE POB EXCEPT THE EAST 60 FT THEREOF 0.34 ACRE

7. 7244 Merriman (Single Family Dwelling & Garage) 10A1A1Q1PT OF NE 1/4 SEC 10 T3S R9E DESC AS BEG DUE S 654.23 FT FROM THE NE COR SEC 1-0TH DUE S 75.0FT TH S88DEG 57M 20S W 813.50FT TH NODEG 33M 50S E 7502 TH N88DEG 57M 20S E 812.76FT TO POB EXC THE E 60FT THEREOF 1.30 AC

8. 32334 Pennsylvania (Single Family Dwelling, Garage, 3 Sheds) 34X1A PT OF THE SE 1/4 OF SEC 34 T3S R9E BEG AT A PTE DIST S88DEG 48M 50S E 164.78FT FROM THE S 1/4 COR OF SEC 34 TH N0DRG 36M 20S E 2608.70FT TH S89DEG 58M 40S E 329.47FT TH S0DEG 37M 15S W 2615.37FT TH N88DEG 48M 50S W 70FT TH NODEG 37M 15S E333FT THE N88DEG 48M 50S W 90FT TH S0DEG 37M 15S W 333FT TH N88DEG 48M 50S W 168.84 FT TO THE POB 19.05 AC

9. 37147 Wick (Barn) 17W THE NE 1/4 OF THE NW 1/4 OF THE NW 1/4 OF SEC 17 10.10 ACS

Linda R. Choate, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan
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COPS comes to the Van Buren School District

By BRENDA GRACIN
MCN Staff Writer

The Van Buren Township and Belleville Police Departments have been awarded Department of Justice grants to place officers in district schools. The grants will allow the two departments to participate in the COPS program.

The program places officers within school buildings to serve as teachers and mentors to students. Classes that can be taught by the officers include law enforcement, gang resistance, substance abuse awareness and crime prevention.

Officers may also intervene in situations with at risk students, by using mentoring programs for guidance and education as to at risk behaviors, while at the same time building a relationship with the students that will give rise to respect and understanding between both law enforcement and the students.

The Belleville Police Department will receive a \$125,000 grant for one officer, while Van Buren Township will receive \$250,000 to place two officers. Departments accepting the grants will be required to keep the officers on staff after the grant expire in 3 years.

Rolan Meadows to debut in VBT

With plenty of open space, easy access to freeways, and retail businesses springing up, Van Buren Township is enjoying a new development boom. The new kid on the block, Rolan Meadows, a 60 units, single-family subdivision to be developed on 23 acres of land south of Tyler Road, west of Haggerty. The development will be built next to the Andover Farms subdivision.

The development wasn't without its critics in the early phases, and still raises questions with other homeowners in yet unfinished subdivisions like Belle Pointe. Those homeowners are still waiting for issues about street lighting, paving, retention ponds and unfinished homes to be addressed. While they fight to finish their sub, new developments are being built around them.

Andover Farms residents had questions with a previously proposed development as to storm water detention ponds. They were concerned with the present capacity of the pond, believing that surrounding areas, including their sub could be flooded when the pond was full. The homeowner's association retained a lawyer to represent them in the issue and others that concerned them.

Van Buren's Director of Planning and Economic Development, Bryce Kelley has indicated that those issues and concerns have now been addressed. At last months township meeting, Kelley informed residents that meetings had taken place between the developer, the township and the homeowner's association, which had resolved the problem. "Everyone was cooperative," said Kelley.

The developers of Rolan Meadows have agreed to make modifications to the storm water detention pond currently servicing Andover Farms to meet county and township requirements. Additionally, Edgemere Enterprises, the successor developer of Phase 1 and 2 has agreed to give land near the pond area to a private landowner, and will provide funds to the future homeowner's association of Rolan Meadows.

Also agreed to, the developer Bayfield Aspen Glen will improve the shared area by resetting gates and fencing. Van Buren Ventures, L.L.C., developers of Phase 3 have also agreed to provide funding to the homeowner's association.

The proposed development, yet to be reviewed by planning and the trustees, will feature such aesthetics as a 35 foot landscaped greenbelt with a berm along the subject site's Tyler Road frontage, complete with entrance sign to the sub. A two and a half foot landscaped berm will be built along the east property line adjacent to the Detroit Edison corridor.

The development will also have a common area, Rolan Park, which will be placed at the east end of the subdivision, enhancing the wetland area found there. The park will feature a five-foot woodchip path for walking.

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NEWS FROM THE CITY OF ROMULUS

Romulus seniors bring home the gold

By BRENDA GRACIN
MCN Special Writer

Pumped up and ready to rumble, Romulus seniors took part in the 17th annual Downriver Senior Olympics in Wyandotte on August 5. The event is held for seniors age 55 and older. More than 600 seniors attended the weeklong competition.

Taking part in such events as baking, ping pong, soccer kick, football toss, bowling, darts, volleyball, ring toss, shuffleboard and basket-

ball toss, the Romulus seniors brought home 25 medals. The events are coordinated to make sure there is something for any senior who wishes to participate. They are divided into four categories, class A; 55 to 64, class B; age 65 to 74; class C, 75 to 84, and class

in shape and stay active. Romulus seniors have participated in the event for some time, always ready to compete.

"I am so proud of the senior athletes who represented our city," said Senior Director, Linda Norman. "We may have had a small group, but we took 25 medals this year; that's up from last year," she said.

One of the senior Olympians and medal winners, Sandy Bell said, "We're just getting started. Just wait until next year and see how good we are."



Cory Elementary teachers Sarah Scott, Debbie Roberts and Sally Berger help to deliver school supplies to Cory students. cory faculty members combined with the youth group of the River of Life Church to purchase and distribute notebooks, pencils, pens, backpacks, and other school supplies to Cory students. Cory funds came from the school's annual fund raising drive. The River of Life Youth Group raised money through donations for the project.

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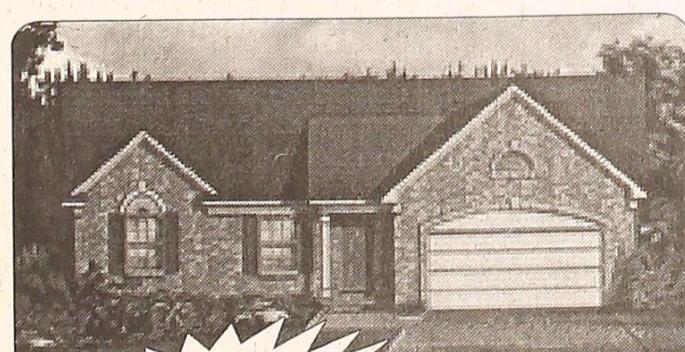
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It shall be the duty of every owner, possessor or occupier of land within the City of Inkster, Wayne County, State of Michigan or of every person or persons, firm or corporation having charge of any such lands, to cut or cause to be cut down and destroyed all Canada thistles, milkweed, wild carrots, oxeye daisies, asclepias, cornutus, ragweed, poison ivy, burdock, yellow dock, sweet clover, sand buffers, goldenrod, dodders, mustards, bindweed, perennial sowthistle, hoary alissum, quack-grass, crab-grass and poison sumac or other noxious weeds growing thereon, at least twice each year, once before the first day of May and again before the first day of September, and as often as may be necessary to prevent said noxious weeds from exceeding a height of six (6) inches.

Kimberly Turner
City Clerk
Inkster, Michigan

PUBLISH: September 12, 2002

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD SEPTEMBER 3, 2002, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, ROMULUS CITY HALL, 11111 S. WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48174.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Randolph Gear

Present: LeRoy D. Burcroff, William A. Crova, Randolph Gear, Charles Miller, Michael Prybyla

Excused: Debbie Romak, William Wadsworth

Absent: None

Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
Kathleen Lindroth, Deputy Treasurer

1. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Miller to approve the agenda as amended.*****

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

02-326

2A. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held August 26, 2002.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

3A. No action taken.

02-327

4A. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Burcroff to concur with the recommendation of the City Attorney and to proceed as directed and to appoint James Tamm of O'Connor, DeGrazia & Tamm, P.C. as Special Counsel in the case of Highland Properties vs City of Romulus.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

02-328

4B. Motion by Crova, supported by Miller to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Brenda Scott.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD AUGUST 12, 2002, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, ROMULUS CITY HALL, 11111 S. WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48174.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Randolph Gear

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Excused: None

Absent: None

Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
Kathleen Lindroth, Deputy Treasurer

1. Motion by Romak, supported by Burcroff to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

02-315

2A. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Miller to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held August 12, 2002.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Wadsworth. Nays - None, Abstain - Romak. Motion Carried.

02-316

3A. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Romak to grant a No Fee Permit to Pentecostal Missionary Baptist Church, 35625 Vinewood for a Yard Me to be held September 14, 2002.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

3B. No action taken.

02-316A

4A. Motion by Wadsworth supported by Miller to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of James Marcus Hester.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Motion by Romak, supported by Crova to accept the Chairperson's Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller,

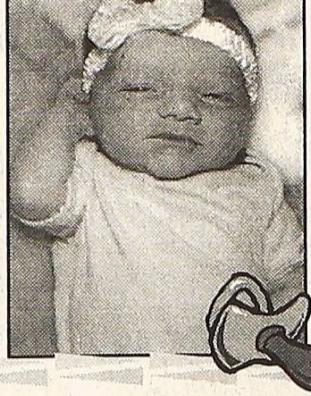
Announcing

Brianna Lynn Campbell

Richard Neal Campbell and Jennifer Lynn Jensen of Romulus announce the birth of their baby girl Brianna Lynn Campbell. She was born at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor on August 2, 2002 at 5:11 p.m. She weighed 8 lbs. 1 oz and was 20" long.

Proud Grandparents are Susan Jensen of Belleville, Jon Jensen & Kim Nota of Romulus, and Richard & Phyllis Sawyer of Hillsdale. Proud Aunts are Stephanie Jensen, Marlene & Sara Campbell.

Congratulations



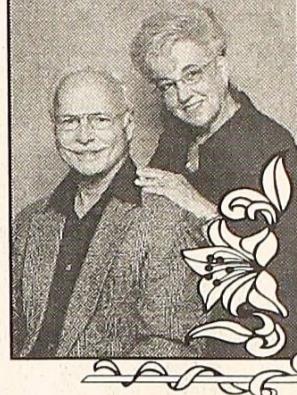
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Sharon & Norm Sanders

Sharon & Norm Sanders celebrated with close family & friends at the Harrison Moose Lodge. Hosting the gala affair was their daughter & husband Cheryl & Dave Holloway and their close friends. Their son-in-law was the D.J. for the evening of fun-food-dancing.

They were blessed with three children, Cheryl, Terry & Larry (deceased), ten grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

Residing at Cranberry Lake upon retiring from their jobs & living in Wayne and Westland area all their lives.



Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

5F. No action taken.

02-335

6A1. Motion by Crova, supported by Prybyla to schedule a Public Hearing to be held on Monday, September 23, 2002 at 6:00 p.m. in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174 for the purpose of making a final determination on demolition of structures on Demolition List 02-2. A list in its entirety is on file in the City Clerk's office.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

02-336

6A2. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to introduce an amendment to the Romulus Code of Ordinances, Appendix A, Section 4.10 the Wireless Communication Facilities.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

02-337

6A3. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Miller to authorize the City Clerk to attend the International Clerk's convention to be held in Nashville, Tennessee on November 21-23, 2002.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

11. Motion by Crova, supported by Prybyla to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held September 3, 2002.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

Publish: September 12, 2002

Water Detention/Retention Discharge Restriction System for the property located at 10049 and 10401 Harrison Road,

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

02-323

5F. Motion by Burcroff supported by Wadsworth to adopt a resolution acknowledging Gary Ralston as a direct Kingsley family descendant for the Samuel R. Kingsley Historic Home Preview on September 21, 2002 in the Romulus Historic Park.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

5G. No action taken.

02-324

9. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Romak to acknowledge the extraordinary efforts of the Romulus Police Department especially in solving of the slaying of a Northwest Airlines flight attendant.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

02-325

11. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Burcroff to authorize payment of Warrant 02-16 in the grand total amount of One Million, Seventy Thousand, Ninety One Dollars and Thirty Four Cents (\$1,070,091.34).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Abstain - Crova. Motion Carried.

12. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Romak to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried

Unanimously,
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Pybyla, Romak, Wadsworth, Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

02-317

5A1. Motion by Romak, supported by Miller to remove from the table the Reconstruction Agreement for Eureka Road from the South Access Road to Middlebelt Road.

Roll Call Vote Showing - Ayes, Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

02-318

5A2. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Prybyla to authorize Mayor and Clerk to enter into the Eureka Road Reconstruction Agreement with the County of Wayne for the payment of \$500,000.00 in five equal annual installments with fund from the T.I.F.A. account for the reconstruction of Eureka Road from the South Access Road to Middlebelt Road.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla. Nays - Miller, Romak, Wadsworth. Motion Carried.

02-319

5B. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova to authorize Debra Hoffman to attend the annual MERS Conference to be held September 18-20, 2002 in Grand Rapids and to designate her as our Officer Delegate.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

02-320

5C. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to approve the Interfund Debt Repayment Schedule for the General Fund through June 30, 2002. A copy in its entirety is on file in the City Clerk's office.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

02-321

5D. Motion by Romak, supported by Burcroff to authorize the acquisition of the following tax foreclosure properties:

Parcel Number	Location	Minimum Bid
80 020 99 0014 000	Vacant Land on Wayne Road	\$1,425.70
80 044 01 0826 000	Vacant Land on Hollywood	911.40

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

02-322

5E. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Miller to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the Maintenance Agreement for Storm

NEWS FROM THE CITY OF INKSTER

New American Legion Post proposed for Inkster

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Inkster and area veterans are invited to meet with state and local American Legion representatives who are planning to create a new American Legion Post in the Inkster area.

Veterans may meet with the Legionnaires at the Booker T.

Dozier Recreation Complex, on Middlebelt Road, North of Michigan Avenue, between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 20, and between 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Sept. 21.

Legionnaires will have a state Veterans Service Officer on hand to assist veterans and family members of veterans with questions they have about VA bene-

fits, according to Gary W. Sammons.

Through a new Post, the American Legion can best serve the community of Inkster with Children and Youth Programs, and provide veterans assistance information to veterans and their families.

Statewide, American Legion membership is 95,000 and con-

tinues to grow, with a national membership of nearly 3 million veterans from all wars.

The Congressional Chartered American Legion, created in Paris, France, in 1919, has always been a driving force behind veterans' benefits legislation in Washington D. C. and Lansing and is the largest veterans organization in the nation.

Any honorably discharged war time veteran, regardless of location in service or gender, is welcome to meet with the American Legion representatives, Sammons stressed.

American Legion membership eligibility dates are:

* Persian Gulf - August 2, 1990 until present date;

* Panama - December 20, 1989 to

January 31, 1990;
* Grenada and Lebanon - August 24, 1982 to July 31, 1984;
* Vietnam War - February 28, 1961 to May 7, 1975;
* Korean War - June 25, 1960 to January 31, 1955;
* World War II - December 7, 1941 to December 31, 1946;
* World War I - April 6, 1917 to November 11, 1918.

Meek-Milton is host to St. Jude Children's Hospital benefit

A local school has been designated as a host for the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital benefit.

Mary Moss announced this week that she will serve as the coordinator for the Trike-A-Thon to benefit St. Jude's Children's Research, and the event will be conducted at the Meek-Milton Elementary School in Inkster.

Moss also noted the event is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 18, will be sponsored by Meek-Milton Elementary School, and will be held in the Meek Elementary School's gymnasium.

The school is located at 1771 Henry Ruff in Inkster.

The program is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. and again at 1:30 p.m.

"Our goal in holding the Trike-A-Thon is to help children of the world who are stricken with diseases like cancer, AIDS and sickle cell disease to have the best professional medical care as possible. These funds will be donated for that cause," Moss stressed.

Moss revealed that the school's Pre-Kindergarten and Pre-Primary Impaired students will be riding laps in the gymnasium and sponsors may donate 25, 50 or more cents per lap or pledge a specified donation.

Area residents are also urged to help sponsor this worthy cause.

You may sponsor a child by call-

ing 734-326-6940, extension 1039.

"Our goal in holding the Trike-A-Thon is to help children of the world who are stricken with diseases like cancer, AIDS and sickle cell disease to have the best professional medical care as possible. These funds will be donated for that cause," Moss pointed out.

St. Jude Children's Hospital is a world leader in the fight against these diseases, and physicians at the hospital have made tremendous progress in battling the diseases thanks to contributions for citizens from all corners of the country.

"Please help us make the Trike-A-Thon a success," Moss said.

Resident earns Alabama State degree

An Inkster resident was among the 356 students who were awarded degrees from Alabama State University last month.

Natasha M. Cole of Inkster completed her curriculum with high honors and received a Bach-

elor of Arts degree.

Cole also had the honor of hearing Air Force Lt. General Donald A. Lamontagne, commander, Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base in Alabama, and also director of Air Education

and training Command, Randolph Air Force Base, in Texas, deliver the commencement address.

Cole is a graduate of Inkster High School where she also graduated among the top of her class.

Library offers story, craft hour

The Inkster Library will offer an early fall "Story and Craft Hour" beginning next week.

The fall session of the Leanna Hicks Library's Story & Craft Hour will be held on Thursday nights between 6:30 and 7:30 at the library.

The six-week program will begin on September 19.

Registration is on-going and parents or caregivers are encouraged to sign-up ahead of time. Parents or caregivers also must remain in the library during the entire session.

To register or for further information, please contact the library at 313-563-2822.

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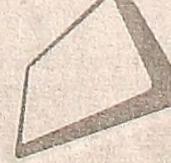
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MICHIGAN COMMUNITY NEWSPAPERS

Another year, another meap disappointment

Results for the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) were announced last week and for most Western Wayne districts, they do not paint a pretty picture.

For instance, the troubled Inkster district posted numbers lower than all Wayne County districts with the exception of Highland Park. Only 11.2 % of all Inkster 8th-graders passed the math portion of the test. Fifth grade science results were nearly as bad where 16.6 % of the students scored a passing grade.

These scores are deplorable. Obviously the great experiment, that allowed New York-based Edison Schools to take over the operation of Inkster Schools has failed miserably. Two years ago when Edison set up shop, they told us to expect dramatic improvement in test scores. Yeah, right!

Down the road, Westwood Schools had their problems as well. Only 14.4% of their 8th-graders passed the math test, although their elementary students performed twice as well as Inkster.

Romulus had mixed results. They performed equal to Wayne-Westland, better than Taylor, but were not close to students in the neighboring districts of Huron and Van Buren. Romulus and Wayne-Westland 8th-graders posted failing scores in math, although they did rebound well and passed by wide margins in the other three categories.

Van Buren continues to get better year after year with their scores, although, again their 8th-graders failed math. However, a whopping 76.9% of their 5th-graders passed science.

We haven't talked about Plymouth-Canton, who again, continued their fine performance. Students in that district passed each category by over-

whelming margins making this district one of the state's best.

A point of clarification

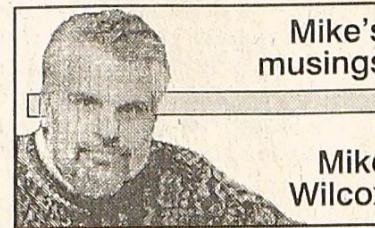
Michigan Community Newspapers reporter Brenda Gracin fainted while she was taking pictures at a September 11 memorial ceremony held Sunday in Huron Township. At first glance we thought it was probably the 95-degree heat that caused the spell, but after further investigation we found she was reading a local newspaper that brought her blood pressure to the boiling point.

Rival Belleville newspaper, *THE INDEPENDENT*, ran a letter to the editor from Jack Smallman, that made a few accusations that need to be clarified. Smallman wrote, "I have to wonder why a reporter from a newspaper in Wayne, who lives in Westland, would come to Sumpter (Township) sucking up dirt like a Hoover..."

Smallman went on to write that Gracin has a personal axe to grind, and because she lives in Westland, she has no right to report on Sumpter. He also took exception to me, writing that I live in Florida, therefore there is no way I could write about Sumpter.

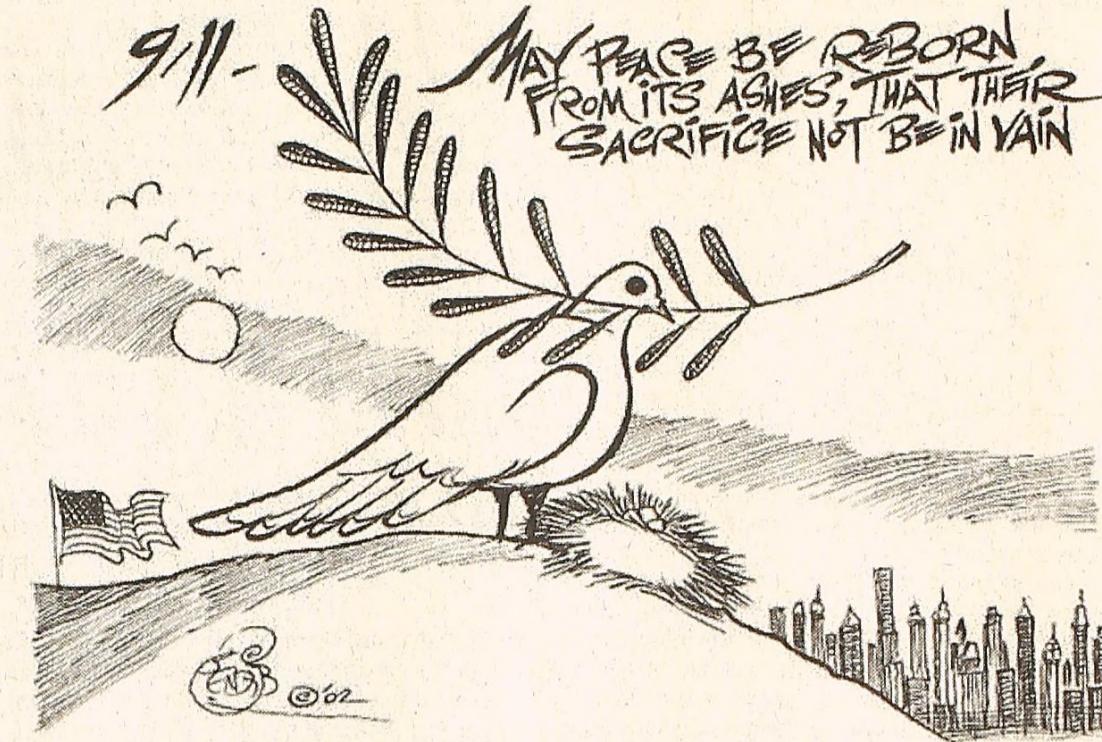
Gracin has no axe to grind and Wilcox does not live in Florida. His accusation that Gracin somehow wrote my opinion two weeks ago, and signed my name to it, flies in the face of the character of Brenda or I. If you knew Brenda, you would know she is not afraid to tackle any writing assignment. If you know me, you know I would never let anyone write my opinion.

Smallman, or whoever is writing under the name of Jack Smallman, should get their facts straight.



Mike's
musings

Mike
Wilcox

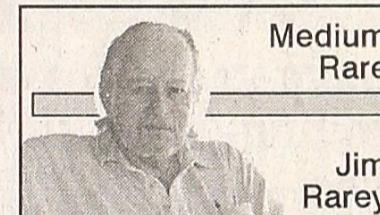


Track proposed for Romulus

If all goes as proposed, thoroughbred racing will come to Romulus in 2004. A Canadian multimillionaire, Frank Stronach, wants to build a three track facility on a 220 acre plot located near the airport and hotel complex along side of the I-94 freeway.

Stronach is Chairman and CEO of Magna International, a \$11 billion auto parts manufacturing group, the 7th largest in the industry. Stronach started buying racetracks with \$550 million of the auto parts business, but in 1999 was forced (by the board of directors) to set up a separate subsidiary for his horse racing "business." That company, Magna Entertainment will build and operate the Romulus facility. Stronach is also chairman and CEO of that company.

Stronach has also set up another subsidiary to buy a track near Lansing and installed his son as chairman and CEO. Stronach now owns ten horse and dog racing tracks in the U.S. including the prestigious Santa Anita in California, Gulf Stream in Florida and Pimlico in Maryland (host to the Preakness, one of the "triple crowns" of racing).



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Rare

Jim
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Many are puzzled as to the viability of horse racing in a working class community such as Romulus. The DRC track in Livonia closed in 1998 and the track in Hazel Park appears to be on its last legs because of the growing casino competition in Detroit and Windsor. However, Stronach doesn't appear to be counting on attendance at the track to make it profitable.

In addition to the pari-mutuel betting at the track, Stronach plans to make off-track wagering available by telephone and the Internet in local homes, bars and other venues. He is part owner of a horse racing television channel and is setting up a nationwide network for off-track betting.

The project will require the Romulus City Council to approve rezoning of the acreage for the tracks. No doubt a pitch will be made that

the tracks will bring employment opportunities to Romulus residents. But what kind of jobs would they be; shoveling manure, hawking concessions, walking horses, cleaning the grandstand?

Other things the council will need to consider include how the "aroma" from the stables would affect the ambiance so close to the hotels and how to avoid traffic congestion without a significant expenditure to improve the roads in the area.

A public hearing must be held (probably by the Planning Commission) on the issue. This will be closely tied in with the imminent revision of the city's master plan. Residents should make their opinions known at the hearing or hearings.

Thoroughbred racing has been called the "Sport of Kings" because only the rich can afford to own, train and race the horses. Gambling (betting) on the other hand has been described by some as the "Curse of the Working Class."

Jim Rarey can be reached at (734) 942-7667 or E-mail to jimrarey@comcast.net

SOUND OFF EXTRA — (734) 729-4000 X 206

Board member needs to learn that he was elected to represent parents

Michael Woods needs to understand why we elected him to the Romulus Board of Education.

We elected him to represent us and to work to make sure that the district educates our children.

We did not elect him to tell us how to educate our children. That's the schools' job.

Quit building gas stations, parking lots, apartments in Wayne

I'm 72-years-old and have lived in Wayne all my life on Venoy.

It's so sad when I go down Wayne

Road and see all these gas stations and apartments. It's bad. It makes me want to cry.

I remember when we had Lazars, Hollands, and Cunningham's Drugs on the corner. You spent your money in Wayne. You shopped in Wayne and had a sandwich.

It's getting worse. I wish they would quit building gas stations, parking lots, and apartments.

Why build more gas stations? Do we have so many residents in Wayne that we need 11 gas stations?

Maybe the mayor can tell us because he's such a big shot now.

Don't need to be told which council member 'is doing their homework'

As a viewer of the city council meetings in Westland I don't need to

tell who is doing their homework. [A common phrase bandied about at Westland City Council meetings — Ed.] Believe me, it shows.

Hindsight could lead 'wined & dined' politicians away from the 'wolves'

Hindsight is an often used by politicians to explain a position.

We see this in Westland, where many claim our incinerator situation, currently holding taxpayers hostage for more and more money, somehow just happen, on its own accord.

Not true.

Local leaders were wined and dined and led down a path by wolves in sheep's clothing. A handful of people with foresight tried to issue a warning. While some who were

in decision-making positions during that time may have issued no votes against an extension of a contract from 30 to 40 years, it did nothing to stop the proposal.

My question is, what have these people done over the years to remedy the problems? Nothing that I can see, except throw up their hands and asking for more money.

Councilmen need to balance residents' needs with businesses owners'

Some Westland councilmen who are up for re-election next year had better shape up.

Remember that you are suppose to be representing the people, not

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LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Sex trial was a nightmare for MacGuinness and family**To the editor:**

A charge of first degree criminal sexual conduct. A teacher allegedly coercing a student into homosexual sex. Family emotions at a boiling point.

A peacock of a prosecutor pouring gas on the fire of everyone's emotions, stepping on everyone she can fault, while trying to climb the political ladder.

Welcome to the justice system in Wayne County, where the issue isn't innocent or guilty; it's just bad theater.

Thank the Lord my brother-in-law, Michael MacGuinness, beat the rap. He was acquitted by a 12-member jury in Wayne County Circuit Court on August 29. That was three days, after a year-and-a-half nightmare for Mike and his family, that he finally got to tell his side of the story. We are, of course, overjoyed that Mike — formerly a teacher at South Middle School in Belleville, in the Van Buren Public Schools — cleared his name after he got his day in court. There was never any doubt in our minds that the charges brought

against him were ridiculous.

The Belleville Police Department and eventually the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, didn't agree with our assessment. Instead, in the first news coverage of the charges, Belleville Police Cpl. Voight told the Ann Arbor News "I think the child's story is believable."

I'd like to tell Officer Voight what I think is believable: I believe that while a case is pending, a person in such a position of authority as Officer Voight should respond to a reporter's question with a professional "no comment," at least until the case is settled. Officer Voight: do you think your off-the-cuff comment created any bias in the community of Belleville? Would you think your comment influenced any opinion the school's Board of Education might have?

I believe that, while the school put Mike on paid suspension, they could have done much more to support a caring, compassionate, 20-year veteran teacher with an impeccable record. Superintendent Larry Tabor

should have demanded a thorough investigation by the police department, instead of the one-way railroad job the police handed over to the Prosecutor's Office. Checking just a few more facts from Mike's side of the story would probably have averted this whole mess. The Belleville school's money would have much better spent by having Mike in the classroom, where he was a very effective and popular teacher at South. Both students and teachers testified to that fact.

I believe that a courtroom, in the American tradition of providing a fair trial by your peers, should aspire to a higher standard. Rules of decorum must be followed. Vulgar, rude, guttural remarks and antics by Assistant Prosecutor Lisa Lindsay should be not be allowed in any form.

The court reporter rolled her eyes at comments made during the case. She read a magazine, then thumbed through a catalog. Another court employee traded glances with the legal intern at the Prosecutor's table, then cracked up in barely audible

laughter.

The judge closed her eyes and sometimes appeared to be sleeping, and at other times seemed to be glancing through the newspaper. After four days of Miss Lindsay stoking the fire, as testimony got more heated, Judge Diane Marie Hathaway decided it was time to take control of her courtroom. A shouting match between the Miss Lindsay and a 16-year-old observer ensued. She was looking for a fight, urging, "Be a man. Say it to my face!"

I believe what my wife told me, six days into this carnival. "Four years ago, we had two families working together trying to get this student on the right road. Now what do we have?"

I believe what we have now is a local tragedy, a sad story, a sad comment on our times. Students make baseless claims against educators, the police fly with it, and lives are shattered.

I believe the Belleville Schools will never be the same. Can teachers risk the chance of reaching out to a stu-

dent?

I believe I'll take a long, hard look at coaching my 10-year-old daughter's soccer team, and my 12-year-old daughter's softball team, before I volunteer to do those things again. I want to stand up for what's right, I want to be one of those parents who provide fun, educational opportunities for our kids, but at what cost? This is a high-stakes game, when a disgruntled child makes such a shocking, baseless accusation. We all want to protect our kids. But at the cost of railroading innocent adults?

Finally, I believe that we'll get on with our lives, we'll put this whole

sordid mess behind us. But I believe people should be held accountable, and the responsibility for this travesty falls squarely on the shoulders of Officer Voight, Detective Christy Faull and the Belleville Police Department. Detective Faull, and Superintendent Tabor, said they couldn't believe the jury's verdict in a story printed in the Ann Arbor News. How about presenting some proof of a crime? That would be a good beginning.

This was a witch hunt from the start.

Sincerely,
Tom Turek
Laingsburg

**CITY OF INKSTER
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The City of Inkster will receive sealed bids at the OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK, 2121 Inkster Road, Inkster, Michigan until 11:15 A.M. Monday, September 23, 2002 at which time and place bids will be publicly opened and read for:

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**CITY OF INKSTER
MEETING ABSTRACTS**

A Special Town Hall Meeting was held on July 24, 2002 for the purpose of discussing the Proposed Street Improvement. The meeting began at 6:30 p.m., and was concluded at 7:00 p.m.

THE City Council met at 7:36 p.m. in the Council Chambers on Monday, August 5, 2002. Present: Councilpersons E. Hendricks, Kolberg, Coleman-Richardson, M. Hendricks and Mayor Hampton. Absent: Councilwoman Harris-Foster and James. Presentation to Officer Branden Jousma. Meeting minutes approved. MADE one re-appt., and one appointment. APPROVED: \$7,833.80 to Tetra Tech; \$5,043.00 to Webster's Collision; \$1,988.65, \$1,186.28 and \$1,341.40 to Kropf for emergency HVAC repair work; contract awarded to Contracting Services by Richard Mills, \$10,500.00; creating a Brownfield Redevelopment Authority; tabled invoices from Wade Trim; \$2,108.37 to Jack Doheny; \$1,112.36 to MDOT; \$760.66 to Wayne County Roads; \$12,500.00 to Dearborn Litograph for 2003 City of Inkster calendars; \$25,000.00 to Nankin Transit; request from Amity Baptist Church and Faith Temple Fire Baptized Holiness Church; allow automobile repair 26380 Michigan and \$107,078.00 to Kropf for roof-top AC units. AUTHORIZED amendment of 2001-02 CDBG program; third extension to Creative Land Design; solicitation of quotes for cleaning of air ducts at police department. DENIED request for maintenance agreement to IDENTIX and agreement to Capital Construction. MEETING adjourned at 10:30 p.m. (Full text available upon request).

Mrs. Kimberly Turner
Inkster City Clerk

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Summer youth golf league excelled**To the editor:**

This letter is in regards to the Summer Youth Golf League at the Westland Municipal Golf Course.

As a grandfather, I would like the City of Westland to know what an outstanding program this really is.

Mr. Gabbeart, Mr. Hill, and Mr. Harnos have done a superb job towards shaping our youngsters. My freshman grandson, only 14, has made the golf team at his high

school.

Once again, I just wanted to make you aware of the fabulous opportunity that's out there for the children and our family will continue to take advantage of such a wonderful community resource.

Thank you for your time in reading this.

Sincerely,

Albert J. Rodgers
Westland

the businesses.

Two councilmen are small business owners who bend over backwards to praise the business sector.

Yet residents with complaints and concerns are ignored, and if residents dare to object to a development or new store, they have no say.

A city needs to grow, but not at the expense of or in disregard of the existing community members.

We get stores we don't want or need and we get houses that overshadow or flood neighborhoods. For what?

Hessler-Davis praised for recognizing 'hard-working' Westlanders

This is regarding the recent letter to the editor from former Westland resident Deborah Hessler-

Davis.

That was such a wonderful, thoughtful letter on what really goes on in Westland. You are so right Deb that there are hardworking, caring (even when they get disgusted) dedicated folks out there doing digging and uncovering plenty.

They are using their own time and money to discover information that they have every right to know about. You touched on so many issues that are so true to the real observer of our goings on in and around Westland and no matter how important it is to promote your community, the reality is that corruption exists in every town and thank god for those folks willing to expose it!

I am proud that people like yourself, who have been targeted, are not afraid to stand up for the citizens. Come back to Westland and run for office, you'd make a great teammate for Councilwoman Cheryl Graunstadt

**City of Romulus
Vining and Smith Improvements
September 9, 2002****Romulus Bid # 02/03-29**

Sealed Bids for Vining and Smith Improvements will be received by the City of Romulus until 2:00 p.m. local time, on September 19, 2002, by Linda Choate located at 11111 Wayne, Romulus, MI 48174. The approximate quantities of major items of work involved are as follows:

Provide pavement striping and signing for approximately 1.5 miles of existing concrete boulevard. Also complete paving at Vining and Wick intersection.

The Contract Documents for this project are on file and may be examined on and after 2:00 p.m., September 9, 2002, at the following locations: the office of the ENGINEER, Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment, Inc., 34935 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150; area offices of Dodge Reports, 25330 Telegraph, Suite 350, Southfield, MI 48034; Construction Market Data, 40000 Grand River, Suite 404, Novi, MI 48375; the Construction Association of Michigan (CAM), 43636 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302-3204; and City of Romulus, 11111 Wayne, Romulus, MI 48174.

Copies thereof may be obtained on or after 2:00 p.m., local time, September 9, 2002, at the office of the ENGINEER, Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment, Inc., 34935 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150. A fee of Fifty dollars (\$50.00) non-refundable will be charged for each set of Contract Documents. An additional fee of Five dollars (\$5.00) non-refundable will be charged for each set of Contract Documents which are mailed.

Bid Security in the form of a Certified or Cashier's Check or Bid Bond for a sum no less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the Bid will be required with each Bid.

The OWNER reserves the right to accept any Bid, reject any Bid, or waive irregularities in Bids.

No Bid may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) calendar days after the scheduled closing time for receipt of the Bids.

Linda Choate, Clerk
City of Romulus

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Duck Derby headline offended couple**To the editor:**

I'm writing you in regards to your Aug. 22 publication of the Canton Eagle.

The headline leading the front-page article about the Duck Derby at Heritage Park was inappro-

priate and offensive.

Where were your proofreaders?

Surely this is not acceptable in a community newspaper.

Molly and Gary Pemberton
Canton

**WAYNE PUBLIC HOUSING COMMISSION
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The City of Wayne Public Housing Commission has developed its Year 2003 Agency Plan in compliance with the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998. It is available for review after at the Commission's Office, located at 4001 S. Wayne Rd., Wayne, Michigan 48184. The Commission hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday. In addition, a public hearing will be held on October 2, 2002 at the Department of Public Works building in the conference room at 3:00 p.m. Everyone is invited.

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**Notice
City of Romulus**

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT SUMMER TAXES ARE DUE **SEPTEMBER 30, 2002**. IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED A SUMMER TAX BILL PLEASE REQUEST A COPY FROM THE TREASURER'S OFFICE, LOCATED AT ROMULUS CITY HALL, 11111 WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48174, TELEPHONE NUMBER (734) 942-7580, FAX NUMBER (734) 941-5541.

PURSUANT TO MICHIGAN COMPILED LAWS, GENERAL PROPERTY TAX LAW SECTION 211.44, FAILURE TO RECEIVE TAX NOTICE SHALL NOT AFFECT THE RIGHT TO COLLECT OR ENFORCE THE PAYMENT OF TAX.

Pamela Kersey, Treasurer
City of Romulus

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF INKSTER, COUNTY OF WAYNE,
STATE OF MICHIGAN****ON
THE ADOPTION OF A BROWNFIELD PLAN FOR THE
CITY OF INKSTER PURSUANT TO AND IN
ACCORDANCE WITH ACT 381 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS
OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN OF 1996, AS AMENDED**

Please take notice that public hearing shall be held before the City of Inkster City Council at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 25, 2002 in the City Council Chamber located at 2025 Middlebelt Road, Inkster, Michigan, on the adoption of a Brownfield Plan for the City of Inkster, within which the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority shall exercise its powers, all pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, being Act 381 of the Public Acts of the State of Michigan of 1996, as amended. The description of the proposed brownfield property is:

Land situated in the City of Inkster, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, described as follows: Various parcels of property within the neighborhood commonly known as the Carver Homes Subdivision the same located north of Annapolis Avenue and east of Middlebelt Road.

A legal description of the property along with maps and a copy of the proposed Brownfield Plan are available for public inspection at the City of Inkster's City Clerk's Office, 2121 Inkster Road, Inkster, Michigan.

Public comments are invited. Please note that all aspects of the Brownfield Plan are open for discussion at the public hearing. Persons unable to attend the public hearing may send their comments in writing to the attention of the City of Inkster Community Development Director, 2121 Inkster Road, Inkster, Michigan 48141. Comments will be received through 12:00 noon, September 25, 2002. Please reference "Proposed Brownfield Plan" on all correspondence.

The City of Inkster will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the public hearing, to individuals with disabilities upon five (5) business days written notice. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the City of Inkster at (313) 563-3211.

Kimberly Turner
City Clerk

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OBITUARIES

BALLARD, GLENN, 51, of Inkster (born in Stanton, TN to Ms. Beulah Ballard), passed away July 29. He leaves his memories to his fiancée Kathy; his sons Curtis and Merlin; his grandson Curtis Jr.; three sisters; four brothers; family and friends. Penn Funeral Home made funeral arrangements. Funeral services were held at Pentecostal Temple COGIC with Elder Isaac King officiating. Interment followed at Knollwood Memorial Park.

BROWN, THOMAS H., 84, of Wayne, passed away August 24. Mr. Brown was the first Mayor of the City of Westland. He was also a Westland City Councilman for ten years, a six term State Representative (House of Representatives), Nankin Township Supervisor, Nankin Township Treasurer, and served on the Wayne County Board of Supervisors. He was also involved in the Adopt-a-tree program, Amvets, Boys Scouts of America, Friends of Nankin Mills, Friends of the Westland Historical Museum, Keep Michigan Beautiful (Director), Lions Club, VFW Harris Kehet Post, Wayne Ford Civic League, Wayne Jaycees (Past President), Westland Goodfellows, Westland Historical Commission (for 15 years), Westland Jaycees (honorary member), Westland Parks & recreation Advisory Board, and many others. Mr. Brown also served his country during World War II. He is survived by his loving wife of Dymphna Brown. His beloved children Paul (Karen) Brown, Robert Timothy (Linda) Brown, Judith (Mike) Bullock, Joanna (David) Uhl, Bonnie (Keith) Bouck, and Mary Beth Miller, and his step-children Thomas (Karen) Hill, William (Susan) Hill, Gerald (Sharon) Hill, and Linda (Joseph) Hill-Lindsey. Three sisters, twenty-four grandchildren, and thirteen great-grandchildren also survive him. Funeral services took place at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Wayne with Father Jack Baker officiating. Interment followed at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West. Memorial contributions can be made in his honor to the Thomas H. Brown Central City Park. Arrangements were handled by Uht Funeral Home.

FARMER, JAMES, 70, of Belleville, passed away August 26. Mr. Farmer proudly served his country in the United States Army. Beloved husband of Lillian (Albert) Farmer. Loving father of Cheryl (Steve) Browning of Milford, Linda (Don) Sylvester of Howell and Michael Farmer of Belleville. Dear son of the late Charles Farmer and Ruth (Sudmeyer) Farmer of Livonia. Dearest brother of Betty Diethorn and uncle of Cathy Diethorn of Livonia. Also survived by six grandchildren. Memorial services were held at David C.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 3, 2002

Supervisor King called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: King, Payne, Budd, Herman, Jahr and Rochowiak. Absent and excused: Hart. Others in attendance: Planning and Economic Development Director Kelley, Public Safety Director Elg, Water and Sewer Director Duha, Recreation and Facilities Director Ross, Senior Director Combs, Executive Assistant Ireland, Secretary Cline and an audience of seventeen (17).

Supervisor King stated prior to the roll call that while two items were listed on the posted Executive Session notice [pending litigation and Comcast contract negotiations] only the pending litigation was discussed in Executive Session and the Comcast contract was removed from consideration.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Jahr moved, Payne seconded to approve the agenda with the following amendment to New Business Item # 10 "Consider awarding the bid for the installation of sanitary sewer pump station generators to Commercial Contracting in the amount of \$277,875" the correct amount should read "\$277,897". Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: Jahr moved, Rochowiak seconded to open the public bearing to consider the special use request from TCF National Bank to construct and operate a drive-thru banking facility. Carried.

Supervisor King opened the public hearing and went to Director Kelley for an explanation. Director Kelley stated TCF National Bank of Minneapolis, MN, with local headquarters in Ann Arbor, received site plan approval and a special use recommendation from the Township Planning Commission to construct and operate a banking facility, including six drive-thru banking lanes. The parcel of land is approximately 1.5 acres in size located on Belleville Road, south of Tyler Road and in front of the Meijer store. Approximately a year and half ago Meijer was given a site plan approval for improvements to the store and site that included the creation of several outlets on Belleville and Tyler Roads. The action being requested tonight is the consideration and approval following the recommendation of the Township Planning Commission, to operate a six line drive-thru area on the north side of the building. This outlet fronts Belleville Road and is the first lot available south of the Meijer gas station. Director Kelley continued by stating the architectural elements include a red brick exterior, a residential style roof and landscape plantings that would complement the Belleville Road streetscape. Unlike typical site plans where the Planning Commission encourages the drive-thru banking lanes to be located on the backside of the bank; it is not possible on this site due to the layout of the site. The applicant has agreed to construct the site so the grade of the building is several feet below the grade of Belleville Road and to enhance screening with a berm of dense landscape plantings. Director Kelley stated during the Work Study Meeting there was discussion about language in the Zoning Ordinance as it relates to special land use for a drive-thru. The Zoning Ordinance specifically addresses fast food restaurants. It was stated improvements need to be made to the Zoning Ordinance pertaining to drive-thru facilities to make this issue clearer. The intent of a special land use is to make sure that those uses that are less than ideal are closely reviewed. In this case there are additional conditions to be considered which primarily involve the screening of the automobile traffic.

Supervisor King stated the property is located in a commercial zoned area and is permitted by right, and it is the drive-thru lanes that require the special use approval.

There were no additional comments or questions from the Board or the audience.

There being no further discussion, a motion was made to close the public hearing.

Budd moved, Herman seconded to close the public hearing. Carried.

Herman moved, Payne seconded to open the public hearing to consider the request for an Industrial Facilities Certificate from Daikin Clutch, Carried.

Supervisor King opened the public hearing and stated the township is in receipt of a tax abatement application from Daikin Clutch Corporation, which is located in an existing Industrial Development District. The Resolution for this tax abatement is somewhat different from other requests in that the number of years to grant the tax abatement has been left blank for the Board to determine. The applicants application states plans are for a \$1.5 million dollar expansion of the plant. Daikin Clutch Corporation is requesting a tax abatement for seven years for both real and personal property. The application further states there are 200 existing jobs and upon completion of the expansion another 22 to 27 new jobs would be created. These jobs are classified as professional or skilled workers. Further, the Township Board must consider the agreement as a requirement of Public Act 198, which states the agreement is between the Township and the company. The agreement sets forth the following: construction of approximately thirty six thousand square feet on the east side of the building; new machinery; new jobs; meeting certain project objectives including consequences if target date objectives are not met, and a reduc-

Brown Funeral Home with Mr. Randy D' Alessandro officiating. Cremation rites have been accorded.

FLOYD, MARY BELL, 79, of Inkster (born in Cecil, AL to Magnolia and Isaac Floyd), passed away on her birthday August 16. She loved dancing, sewing, and playing the piano. She leaves to cherish her memory her daughters Velva and Angela; his son Fredrick; four sisters; three brothers; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; family and friends. Penn Funeral Home made funeral arrangements. Funeral services were held at Great Grace Temple with Evangelist Barbara Henderson officiating. Interment followed at Knollwood Cemetery.

GIBBS, NADEAN N., 80, of Royal Oak (formerly of Belleville), passed away August 23. Mrs. Gibbs retired from general Motors Detroit Transmission Local 735. Beloved mother of Deanna (Keith) Lapoint of Royal Oak; Mae Sue (Terry) Buffiney of Spring Hill, FL; and Kenneth (Virginia) Harper of Spring Hill, FL. Dear daughter of Jasper and Sue (Ray) Acuff. Also survived by three sisters, six brothers, sixteen grandchildren, thirty-one great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren. Preceded in death by his parents Mose and Frances (Owens) Kindell, eight brothers, and three sisters. Funeral services were held at David C. Brown Funeral Home. Interment followed at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock.

LANCASTER, LYDIA MAE, 89, of Wayne, passed away August 23. Dearest wife of the late George W. Lancaster. Loving mother of William (Maureen)

Program. She leaves to mourn her loss her children L. V. Dellar, Joseph, John, and Ophelia; twenty-one grandchildren; twenty-eight great-grandchildren; one great great-grandchild; four sisters; one brother; family and friends. Funeral services were held at Penn Funeral Home with Elder Melvin Lewis officiating.

KINDELL, ISAAC, 89, of Belleville, passed away September 1. Mr. Kindell was retired, after 30 years of dedicated service, from General Motors Chevrolet Detroit Forge Plant. He was also a member of First Missionary Baptist Church and the U.A.W. Local #262. He also enjoyed fishing, barbecues, and farming. Beloved husband of Earna Faye (Riley) Kindell. Dearest father of David L. (Tracey) Kindell and Ivan N. (Doris) Kindell both of Belleville. Also survived by eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Preceded in death by his parents Mose and Frances (Owens) Kindell, eight brothers, and three sisters. Funeral services were held at David C. Brown Funeral Home. Interment followed at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock.

RANDALL, MYRTLE, 81, of Wayne (since 1953), passed away August 27. Loving sister of Oliver Randall, Frank (Dorothy) Randall, Edna Haynie, John (Bernadette) Randall, and Rosella (Loyd) Caldwell. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held at Harry J. Will Funeral Home with Rev. Mark Raitz officiating. Burial followed at Michigan Memorial park in Flat Rock.

OLIVER, LAWRENCE, 67, of Inkster (born in Palmetto, GA to Cornelius and Clarence Oliver Sr.), passed away August 19. He worked for the food industry, the Post Office, the United States Army, and the Chrysler Corporation. He left to cherish his memory his companion Jean Lidell; his girls Deborah, Laverne, Doreen, and Caroline; twelve grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; family and friends. Penn Funeral Home made funeral arrangements. Services were held at the greater First Missionary Baptist Church with Rev. W. W. Goode officiating.

REED, THOMAS, 62, of Inkster (born in Augusta, AR to Ms. Ollie and Walter Reed), passed away August 10. He enjoyed fishing, bowling, shooting pool, and telling stories. He leaves to cherish his memories his wife Rosetta; his sons Donald, Robert, Thomas Jr., Milton, Lamont, Lance, and Russell; his daughters Vernita, Tanesa, and Shantell; his mother Ollie; his mother-in-law Rosalee; nineteen grandchildren; family and friends. Penn Funeral Home made funeral arrangements. Funeral services were held at Greater New Community COGIC with Elder Willie Cross officiating. Interment followed at Knollwood Memorial Park.

RICH, JULIUS, 65, of Inkster (born in Purvis, MS to Desirée and Peter Rich), passed away August 10. He leaves behind to cherish his memory his wife of forty years Inez; his sons Anthony, Darnell, and Vincent; two brothers; five sisters; sixteen grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; family and friends. Penn Funeral Home made funeral arrangements. Funeral services were held at Beulah Baptist Church with Rev. Kenneth Pierce officiating. Interment followed at Westlawn Cemetery West.

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Finney and Douglas (Diana) Lancaster. Beloved sister of Ruby Brown, John W. Husk, and the late Mildred Peterek. Also survived by six grandchildren, twelve great-grandchildren, and six great-great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held at Uht Funeral Home with Rev. Robert Payne officiating. Interment followed at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock.

WATKINS, MANFRED L., 68, of Romulus, passed away August 22. Mr. Watkins retired from the Ford Motor Company's Wayne Assembly Plant after 36 years of dedicated service. He was also a member of the Calvary Christian Center in Ecru where he was the Head Deacon. He also served his country in the United States Army. Beloved husband of Delphia (Simpson) Watkins. Dearest father of Robert L. Watkins of Romulus, Rickey E. (Vicki) Watkins of Livonia, Joseph L. (Rose) Watkins of Belleville, and Sarah E. (Steven) Lash of Westland. Dear brother of Lonnie A. Watkins, Juanita Wyatt and Mary A. Avril of Independence, WV; Ralph T. Delbert and Paul E. Watkins of Grafton, WV; Minnie Pearl Jenkins of Wilson Ridge, WV; Betty Jo List of Grafton, WV; and Wilma Larew of Mt. Storm, WV. Also survived by six grandchildren. Preceded in death by his parents Lonnie and Josephine (Collins) Watkins, his brother Gene Watkins, and his sister Shirley Weaver. Funeral services were held at David C. Brown Funeral Home with Pastor J.C. Fritz officiating. Interment followed at Rosehill Cemetery in Ashland, KY.

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tion from approximately 9.98 mills in taxes thus resulting in approximately 4.94 mills in abated taxes. Lastly, Supervisor King reviewed the guidelines previously established by the Board setting objective criteria for granting an industrial facilities exemption certificate. The guidelines provide a point system for items such as the type of expansion, number of jobs, cost of the expansion. Each of these items is awarded points based on the project improvements and Daikin Clutch Corporation received 59 points out of 100 points possible. The point system range of 55-59 points qualifies for a 5-year abatement. Supervisor King stated this is one point shy of six years and the applicant has requested seven years. The applicant is aware the guidelines state the Board of Trustees retain discretionary power for the final determination and is not bound to using only the guidelines previously mentioned when acting on a specific abatement request. Further the guidelines state the Board can move beyond the guidelines if the Board chooses and determines the improvements to be significant and in the best interest of the township.

Daikin Clutch Corporation Controller, Kenneth Shunta stated Daikin Clutch Corporation is requesting a seven-year tax abatement and realizes they only qualify for a five-year abatement; however, they are asking the Board to consider their long-standing relationship with the community. He continued by stating this project was originally slated to have taken place several years ago, however, due to economic down turns the project was delayed and they feel they are in a good position to move forward now.

Supervisor King gave a brief overview of Daikin Clutch Corporation operations and stated they have been in Van Buren Township since 1988. The Township Clerk has notified all taxing authorities whose taxes would also be abated about the public hearing tonight and the township has not received any comments in opposition to this abatement being granted. Supervisor King continued by stating staff has reviewed the application as required and the abatement would not impede the ability to provide service in the township.

Trustee Rochowiak inquired if this is an addition to the existing structure. Mr. Shunta indicated it was new construction to an existing facility.

There were no additional comments or questions from the Board or the audience.

There being no further discussion, a motion was made to close the Public hearing.

Rochowiak moved, Budd seconded to close the public hearing. Carried.

MINUTES: Jahr moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve the Work Study Session Minutes of August 19, 2002, as presented. Carried.

Herman moved, Jahr seconded to approve the Executive Session Minutes of August 19, 2002. Carried.

Budd moved, Payne seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of August 20, 2002 as presented. Carried.

Rochowiak moved, Herman seconded to approve the Budget Preparation Meeting Minutes of August 27 & 28, 2002 as presented. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: A letter of thanks from two senior residents for the Country Jamboree hosted by September Days.

A letter of thanks from Parkwood Manor Staff to the Van Buren Township Police Department for their assistance during a recent incident.

Linda Jimenez from the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness presented an \$800 check to Director Ross for receiving a Level 3 Promoting Active Community Award, which recognizes the Township for promoting physical fitness in the community. She invited Director Ross and Board to come to the Award presentation to be held in Lansing in October. Director Ross thanked the residents for their support.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Herman moved, Payne seconded to approve the special use request by TCF National Bank to construct and operate a drive-thru banking facility on a parcel of land known as V-125-83-058-99-0006-708, approximately 1.54 acres, per the facts and findings of the Planning Commission at a public hearing held July 10, 2002 and the meeting for action held on July 24, 2002, the Planning Consultant's letter dated July 18, 2002 noting the limit on the number of temporary window signs to be displayed at any one time and the deposit of all necessary fees and bonds. Carried.

Payne moved, Jahr seconded to approve the Industrial Facilities Tax Agreement with Daikin Clutch Corporation and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the agreement. Carried.

Herman moved, Rochowiak seconded to adopt Resolution 2002-32 to grant a six-year tax abatement on both Real and Personal Property [Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificates] for Daikin Clutch Corporation. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Payne, Herman, Jahr, Rochowiak and King. Nays: Budd. Absent and excused: Hart. Carried.

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chase in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 with funding to be transferred from the Landfill Fund to the Capital Improvement Fund and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the documents. Carried.

Herman moved, Jahr seconded to approve the extension of the term of the Development Agreement with Walden Woods Development, L.L.C. for the Planned Unit Development (PUD) from nine (9) years to ten (10) years, [agreement] through January 31, 2004. Carried.

Rochowiak moved, Herman seconded to approve the Personal Services Agreement with Steven Pugsley as Planning and Zoning Administrator and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the agreement. Carried.

Rochowiak moved, Payne seconded to accept Wade-Trim/Associates' proposal dated August 15, 2002 to prepare a water distribution system master plan on a time and materials basis, using Rate Schedule 2001A, in an amount not to exceed \$75,400 and to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign the acceptance and further to amend the Water and Sewer Budget. Carried.

Rochowiak moved, Herman seconded to accept Wade-Trim/Associates' proposal dated August 15, 2002 to provide plans and specifications for the Visteon Utility Improvements on a time and materials basis, using Rate Schedule 2001A, in an amount not to exceed \$103,700 and to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign the acceptance and further to amend the Water and Sewer Budget. Carried.

LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Your voting doesn't matter**To the editor:**

We pay too much taxes already. Keep up the good work. I love to read the Ben E. Jet column.

I'm about the same on the tax issue. I vote no every time they ask for it. They did that to us in Westland back before the Headlee tax rollback.

They had four elections in the same year because we kept voting down the millage increase until finally on the fourth time they were able to get enough people on their side out to vote and pass it.

Since when does one out of four

become a majority?

I was beside myself. It cost over \$30,000 to get an election day set up, that's \$120,000 they spent that should have went to the schools. I guess that millage was worth a lot more than that.

It's the same old story, "If voting

made a difference, it would be illegal."

Keep on Rockin' Ben E. With all the money you make you should be glad to pay taxes.

I do enjoy reading your column.

Yours Truly,
J. Wilson

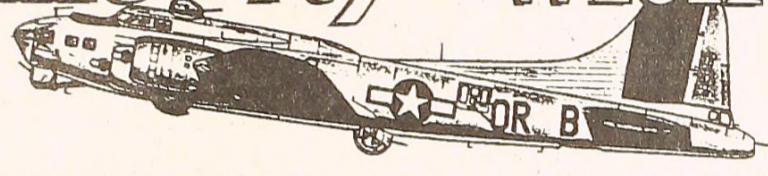
CORRECTION

Last week, we should have said that Westland activist Judy McKinney will stand trial on Oct. 8 at 8:30 a.m. in 18th District Court.

A Westland ordinance officer has accused McKinney of allegedly assaulting him after he warned her about her cluttered yard.

McKinney has denied the charges arising from the March 15 incident. She said that the ticket was payback for her political activism. "I feel the city is picking on me," she said.

The Comcast ad which ran last week regarding upcoming changes to your channel lineup had an incorrect date. Those changes will take place on October 15, 2002. All channel lineup information was correct. We apologize for any inconvenience. If you have any questions, please call us at 1-888-COMCAST.

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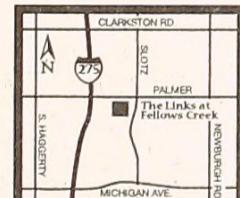
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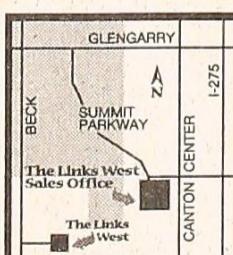
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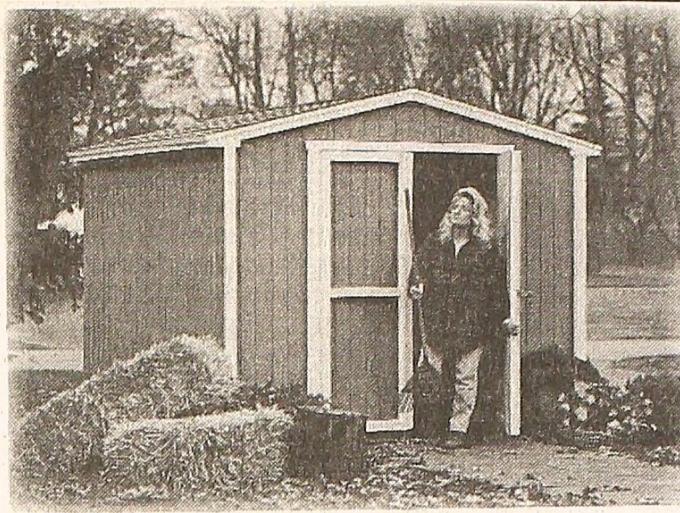
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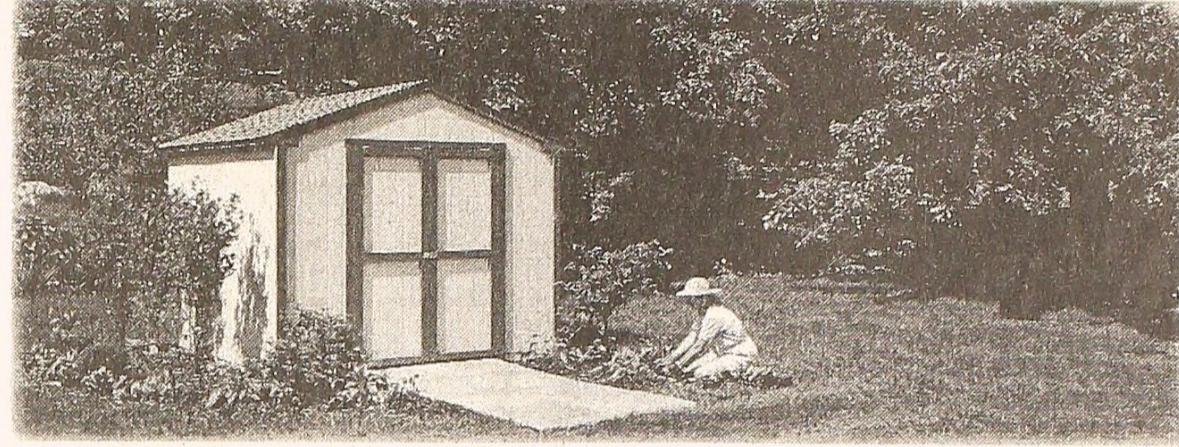
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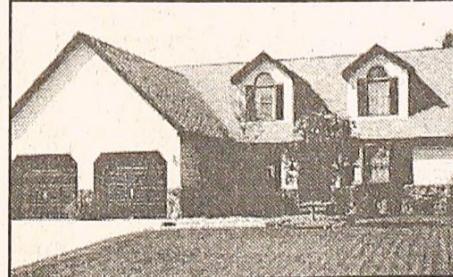
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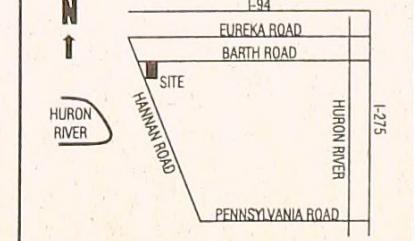
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NEWS FROM THE CITY OF WAYNE

Window on Wayne

Churches in the Village

Churches have always played a leading role in the life and lives of people of this nation.

And that is no exception for those who decided to settle here in Nankin Township, the Village of Wayne and the City of Wayne in the late 1700's and early 1800's.

St. Mary's of Wayne and the Congregational Church are just two great examples that religion was important to the lives of the villagers.

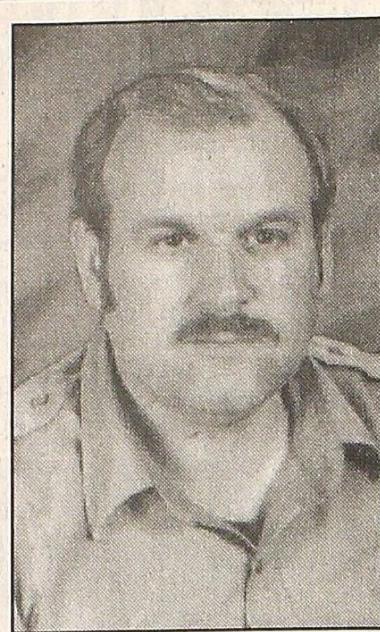
Today, I am going to concentrate on just one of the notable religious institutions.

The Congregational Church was started in the area of Wayne in 1848. That's a few years after we became a state (Michigan was admitted into the Union on Jan. 26, 1837, as the 26th State).

The church was constructed at its present site, the northwest corner of Main Street and Wayne Road, at a time when Wayne Road was called Monroe. (The name change occurred in 1952).

Once the church group was organized, it immediately made plans to build a church building.

By 1849 a one-story, wood frame building was completed and called the Union Church. This was the first church building in Wayne. Wayne was not incorporated as a village until 1869, so, in reality, the church was located within the boundaries of Nankin Township.



Richard L. Story

Although the final figures are not in, the public relations generated by the 2002 Wheelfest are the summer classic attracted thousands of residents and sight-seekers to the City of Wayne during the weekend of August 22 and that is always a positive for a city.

And it all started off with the presentation of the "Diamond of the Community" Award which this year was presented to Marge Bedell. She was followed by the "Be A Star Talent" showcase which offered local singers, dancers and bands an opportunity to perform.

The evening wrapped up with a performance by the band Art-of-Fact.

This was the first year the festival was expanded into a four-day affair. All rides, games and food

vendors were also open on Thursday.

The Wheelfest Parade kicked off Friday's events.

The rain may have frustrated some, but the wet stuff couldn't dampen the holiday spirit. Fans decked out in raincoats and umbrellas lined the street to view the parade and didn't mind that it did rain on our parade.

Some of the parade participants included the Wayne Memorial High School Marching band and cheerleaders. Kicks Tae Kwon Do, the Shriners, the Rotary and several local churches and Boy and Girl Scout troops also marched to the tune of the festival music.

In total, there were about 40 parade groups who participated.

Friday's entertainment included

two country acts: Pocketful of Groove and an encore performance by an all female country group and sensation Mustang Sally.

Saturday was a day filled with fun as Mid-America provided the carnival, rides and games to fill one's memories of a festive Wayne. The K-9 dogs were also back this year with a well-attended demonstration. New to the Wheelfest this year was the Family Entertainment Tent which housed local performers like Kick's Tae Kwon Do, the Junior Civitans Puppet Show and Arts and Crafts.

The Wayne Rotary also sold raffle tickets for a new Harley Davidson motorcycle and the Golden Hour was back selling homemade bread.

Detroit favorites "Rare Earth"

and Mitch Ryder rocked a record-breaking crowd on Saturday night.

Sunday was the day for Lip Sync. There were 10 groups which participated in this showcase. Linda Lou's Lucky Four Band closed Wheelfest on Sunday.

Contest winners were announced Sunday evening. They included: 2002 Beautiful Baby Girl - Jillian Martin; 2002 Beautiful Baby Boy - Seth West. The Wayne-Westland Junior Miss Program's 2002 Junior Princess was Chelsea Minor and Junior Prince was Seth Moore.

Serving on the 2002 Wheelfest Commission were Chairman Hal Hultman, Ken Raub, Bill Copland, Christine Degiusti, Karen Cahill, Nancy Lambert, and Rick Turk.

Friends take on their project on Saturday

If it doesn't rain on Saturday, Friends 2002 will have a smile on a senior's face before sundown.

An on-going community project, Friends - People helping People - will paint, make minor

repairs, cut grass and weed at a preselected Wayne home.

Volunteers are requested to assemble at 8 a.m. at the Senior Activity Center where they will be treated to a continental

breakfast before being transported to the work site. They also will have lunch, courtesy of a local restaurant.

If the weatherman fails to keep his promise of a sunlit day,

the rain date for the Friends 2002 Project is September 21.

Please contact the City Hall, Department of Community Development, for further information.

Friends of the Library to host wine & cheese party

The Friends of the Library are hosting its Fourth Annual Wine and Cheese Party this month.

The party will be held at 7 p.m. on September 24 at the Wayne Public Library.

Tickets for the occasion are \$15 per person and are available at the Wayne Public Library or from a member of the Friends of the Library.

Tim McCarthy, from Cost Plus Wineshop, located in the historic Eastern Market, will provide the

wines and also a discussion of the various samples.

No wine will be sold but guests are free to sample the wines and ask questions.

There will also be non-alcoholic beverages served.

All proceeds from the Wine & Cheese Party are used to purchase items for the public library.

For more information, please contact the Wayne Public Library at 734-721-7832.

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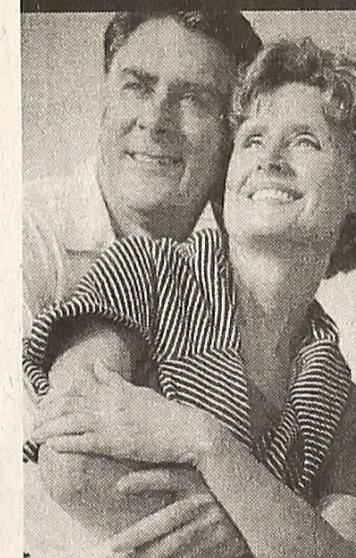
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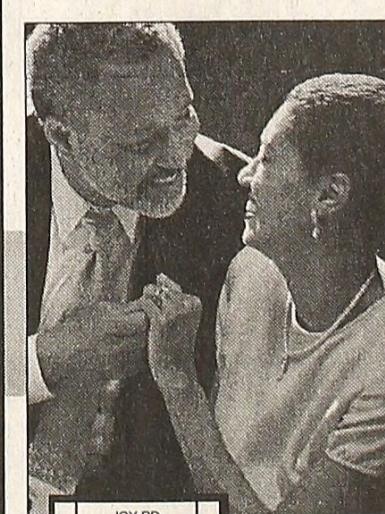
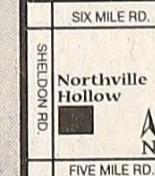
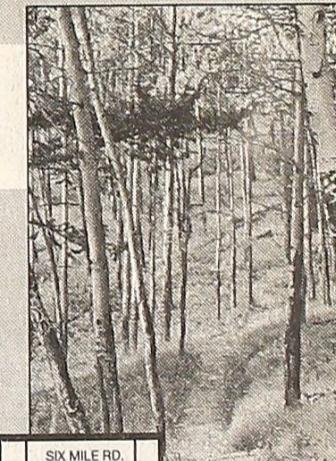
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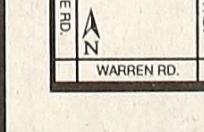
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Walled Lake Western runs wild over Wayne

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Wayne Memorial and Coach Floyd Carter are finding the Western Lakes Conference down right hostile.

For the second week in a row, Carter's ball club took it on the chin. Last week it was Stevenson, this week it was a waste-no-time in a huddle Walled Lake Western that erupted for early touchdowns in the first quarter and coasted to a 56-18 victory over the newest conference member (Wayne joined the conference this fall).

"We didn't play well. We didn't execute well. In fact, except for our down-linemen, we didn't do much against them," said a disappointed Carter after the game. "I haven't been beaten so badly by a team since I was at Crestwood a few

years ago and that was when Farmington Hills Harrison defeated us in the playoffs."

Wayne will not have an opportunity to rest. They'll jump from Western's frying pan into the fire on Friday when they travel to Plymouth-Canton. Canton is coming off of their first loss, a 46-21 pasting, at the hands of Westland John Glenn.

Carter knows his troops are in a battle when the two meet for the first time ever in conference competition.

"They have an outstanding team over there," the veteran Wayne coach said. "I watched them play Glenn and it was close up to the last quarter. To beat Canton,

we need to play a nearly flawless game."

That, Wayne did not do against a strong Walled Lake Western, which came into the Friday night encounter seeking its first victory. Western dropped its opener to out-of-conference rival, Belleville.

Executing its offense without the benefit of a traditional huddle, it took Western quarterback Todd Michaud nine plays to cover 61 yards to score on a third and three situation. A nine-yard pass play gave the visitors the score. Michaud completed the series with a toss to Steve VanNortwick. Todd Monfette kicked the extra point.

In a little more than 4 minutes, Western scored its second TD of

the first quarter as Peter Mooney drilled a 21-yard pass to Jason Tamina for the score. With Monfette's second successful PAT, the visitors widened the gap to 14-0.

After the ensuing kickoff, Wayne suddenly came alive. Quarterback Zach Lappan strung together a five play, 65-yard drive, which featured a 57-yard run by T. J. Dillard. Zappan's four-yard over-the-scrimmage toss to Henry Love put the Zebras on the scoreboard.

Brian Odom's bid for the extra point failed, and Wayne trailed by eight, 14-8, at the end of the opening period.

Three minutes into the second period, Western again scored. Three successive runs by Van-

Nortwick of 12, 14, and 12, set up the visitors' three play TD. Mooney's 5-yard pass to Bryan Kowalski completed the TD drive and Monfette again kicked the extra point.

Grey Hay stepped in front of a Lappan pass to set up Western's fourth score. After he picked up a first down on a third and one situation, Mooney kept the four-play, 34-yard drive going with a 19-yard strike to John Sowers. Monfette's PAT put Western up, 28-8. For all purposes, it was over at the half when, at 3:57 left, VanNortwick again scored, this time from 3 yards out to lift Western into an insurmountable, 35-8, lead.

Back-to-back penalties and Dillard's 12-yard run moved Wayne in-

to position to score its second TD of the game. A four-yard pass from Lappan to Andrew Parks got the hosts on the scoreboard at 2:15 remaining in the opening half.

With 1:39 left, Western scored again to make it 42-12, thanks to VanNortwick's 30-yard run. Wayne replied with their third and final touchdown of the game in the third quarter as Dillard broke lose on a 55-yard touchdown run. Lappan's attempt for the two-point conversion fell short.

Dillard had another great game as he compiled 130-yards on 10 attempts and scored one of his team's three touchdowns. Lappan attempted eight passes, but he connected on only one for four yards. Western had a total of 23 first downs as compared to Wayne's 6. Western also had a total of 419 yards to Wayne Memorial's 147.

Davis scores 4TD's as Glenn rips Canton

Salem continues to have problems

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Like the economy, Plymouth-Salem's offense seems to have gone south for the winter.

In eight quarters thus far this season, the Rocks have failed to score a touchdown, and sophomore Salem coach Bob Cummings is frustrated and, like Greenspan, doesn't see an immediate end to the downturn.

"We get the opportunities, but then we shoot ourselves in the foot," said Cummings, after his team's second straight loss on Friday. The Rocks dropped a 21-2 decision to an improved Livonia Churchill, but they also assisted in their own demise by committing six turnovers.

Salem managed to get on the scoreboard briefly in the third quarter when running back Brian Bradley sprinted across the Chargers' goal line thanks to an eight-yard run. But officials detected holding and the penalty nullified the score.

"That would have put us back in the game, but the infraction killed our opportunity," Cummings added.

To compound Salem's frustrations, the Rocks managed to penetrate inside Churchill's 10-yard line on three separate occasions but were driven off empty handed. Six turnovers - five by fumbles and one by interception aren't going to help win ball games, especially in the Western Lakes, Cummings pointed out.

Cummings started Chris Drabicki at quarterback, and the 5-10 junior signal-caller showed signs that he has the potential of leading the team. Drabicki completed seven of his 17 passes for a total of 80 yards and three of those pass completions were to Bradley.

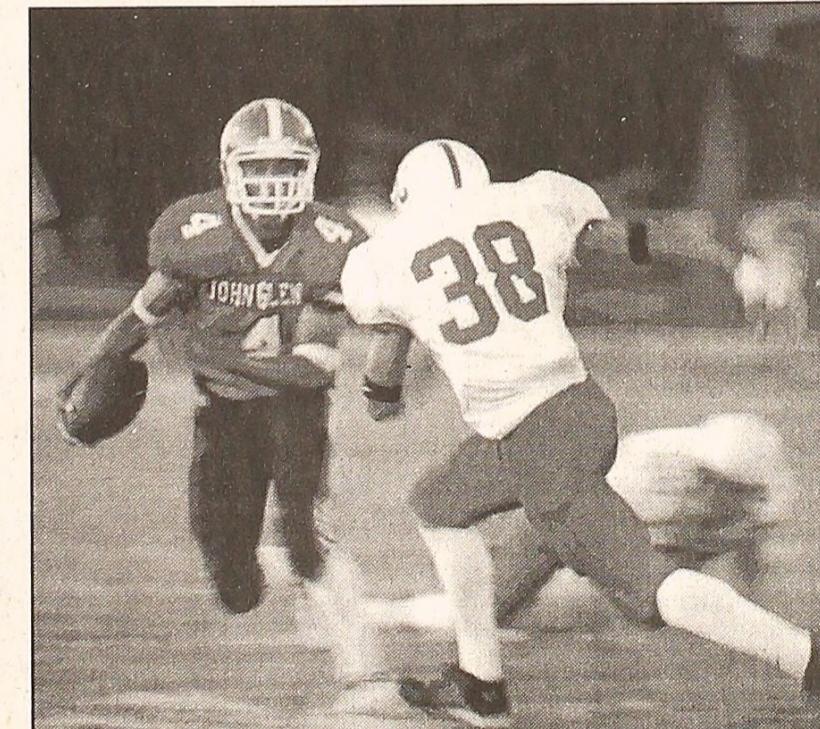
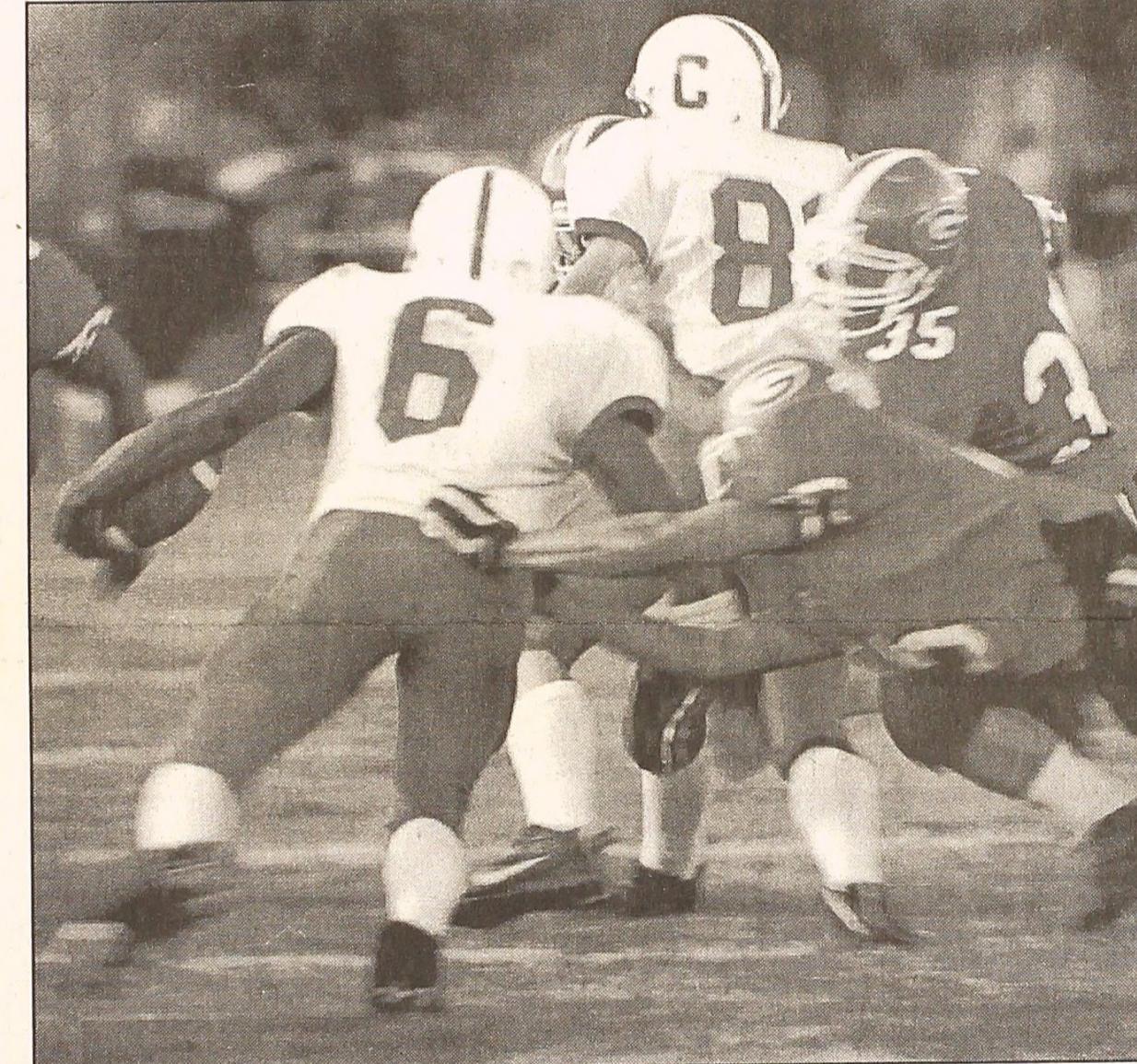
The Rocks also received 60 yards on running back Matt Trubowski's performance. Trubowski was given the ball 15 times.

That is about the extent of Salem's offense against a Churchill squad that is 2-0 on the year but is still considered a team of the future and not an immediate title threat.

Before leaving the Churchill-Salem game, Salem's nose guard Drew Bringley should be recognized for his outstanding effort on defense against the Chargers. The 5-7, 160-pound senior, counted three solo tackles and "was all over the place," according to his coach.

Salem and Cummings have to contend with a winless Northville this week. The two meet Friday night in Northville and the Mustangs have a new coach who likes to spread his offense and test the opponent's defense in every way possible.

"We're going to have our hands full again this week," warned Cummings. "And the first thing we have to do is to not beat ourselves."



Side-stepping one defender, John Glenn quarterback Brian Cekkiewicz (4) runs into trouble and Canton's Kevin Bennett (38), who stops the QB in his tracks in the play at the left. Glenn also had a rough time stopping Canton's running back Reggie Joyner (6), in the photo above, who scored one of the three Chiefs' touchdowns and finished with 82 yards on 19 rushes in the showdown between the two Western Lakes powers. Glenn scored 21 unanswered points in the fourth quarter to emerge with a 46-21 victory and is now the front-runner in the race for the conference championship. Photos by Carl Brown.

Chiefs commit 6 costly turnovers

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Scoring four touchdowns, including an exciting, near-record 91-yarder, tailback Anthony Davis sparked Westland John Glenn's Rockets to a surprising 46-21 victory over Plymouth-Canton before a standing room only crowd Friday night at Glenn Stadium.

Billed as an early showdown for the Western Lakes Conference championship, state-ranked Glenn clearly has surfaced as the frontrunner and the team to beat in 2002.

Canton helped with its own downfall as Coach Tim Baechler's Chiefs atypically committed six turnovers - three by fumbles and also three by interceptions, one of which was picked off by safety De'Anthony Granberry, who returned it 72-yards for a touchdown.

"Considering that this victory came so early in the season, it is a huge victory for us," said Glenn coach Chuck Gordon. "I am proud at the way our kids played Friday night."

Glenn scored two first quarter touchdowns, forcing the Chiefs to play catch-up for most of the evening. Davis went in from four yards out for his first of four scores. That came after a Canton fumble that allowed Glenn quarterback Brian Cekkiewicz to begin his drive from inside the Chiefs' 30. Will Kennedy kicked the extra point.

On their second drive of the opening quarter, Canton again turned over the ball deep in its own territory, at their own 28. It took Cekkiewicz six plays but he got the job done as he handed off to the speedy Davis who bolted through the defenses from the two for his second TD of the game.

Again Kennedy provided the boot that gave them a 14-0 lead.

But, the Chiefs came back before the half and quarterback Dave Nicolloff, using running back Reggie Joyner for his trump card, broke through the Rockets' defense, and marched 94 yards in 10 plays. The final one and the touchdown went to

Brandon Wilcox.

The two Western Lakes Conference opponents exchanged third period touchdowns. Nicolloff again tested Glenn's secondary and found holes. The Canton QB culminated the drive with a touchdown and the two-point conversion tied the score. Overcoming their early deficit, the Chiefs now appeared ready to make a game of it.

But the ensuing kickoff went to Matt Smitherman who returned the ball to the Glenn 26. In four plays, Cekkiewicz again had the Rockets on the scoreboard, going the final 27 with Smitherman running across the goal line for his first TD of the 2002 season. Kennedy's point-after put the Rockets up for good, 21-14, with 2:19 left in the third quarter.

Back-to-back touchdowns by Davis, from 23-yards out, and Granberry (via an interception), broke the game open for the hosts. Although Joyner came back with a Canton touchdown, his score was quickly answered by Davis's 91 yard punt return. Davis's sensational TD was one-yard short of tying the Glenn mark for longest touchdown set by All-American prep, Tony Boles, who scored on a 92-yard run back in 1985.

The Westlanders scored 21 unanswered points to burst Canton's hopes of a 2-0 start. Davis finished with a total of 157-yard rushing, on 19 carries, and four touchdowns. Cekkiewicz completed four of his eight passes for 79-yards and one touchdown.

Also, of the three Canton interceptions, Smith accounted for two of them while Granberry had the other.

Defensively, the Rockets received an exceptional game from 6-2, 198-pound junior tackle Alex Jackym, senior linebacker Jon Red also played an exceptional game.

For the first time in nearly two decades, Glenn will play Livonia Franklin in the conference. The two opponents will clash on Friday, the 13th, at Franklin. The Patriots are 0-2 on the year.

Natural rival Robichaud, Inkster clash

Toss out records for this one

When it comes to backyard rivals, no one cares how good you were last week or the week before, it's a "show-me now" thing.

And two first-year coaches know that for a fact.

Inkster, off to a 2-0 start - its best in recent memory - takes on winless Robichaud, as the neighborhood rivalry is rekindled on the gridiron Friday afternoon at 4 p.m. at the Dearborn Heights high school's field.

Mansfield Dinkins, who left a title contender at Highland Park to coach at Robichaud this year, says he has heard of the great rivalry between the two schools and is looking forward to his first encounter. His

team definitely is the underdog for this one.

"Inkster has an exceptional team this year," said Dinkins. "And we aren't exactly playing any way we want to write home about. We're young and inexperienced, it's going to take time, but we are also a team that won't quit no matter what the score is."

The Bulldogs proved that on Saturday.

Robichaud is coming off of a lopsided 52-0 shellacking at the hands of Muskegon Orchardview, a team that Dinkins quickly agreed to play after Dearborn Heights Annapolis officials announced it was not prepared to field a team this year.

The Bulldogs did get a strong effort in Muskegon from running back Calvin Thomas, who rushed for 63

yards on 12 attempts. And quarterback Marc Fletcher managed to connect on six of 17 passes for 82 yards, 53 of those went to Maurice Love who made four catches.

Defensively, Michael Jordan proved he will be heard from as he counted nine tackles and one of those a solo.

But, in the meantime, Inkster coach Craig James is showing the Vikings how they can win - that's something the last dozen or so coaches were not able to achieve in the past at Inkster High. The Vikings made it two straight on the young season with a 13-6 victory over the Flyers of Willow Run.

Willow Run shocked its hosts as it scored on the first play of the game.

"And I said to myself that this looks like it's going to be a long after-

noon," James commented afterward.

But, after the ensuing kickoff, on the first play of their series, Inkster senior quarterback Brandon Dawson caught the Flyer's secondary sleeping and tossed a bomb that flanker William Fulton was in position to grab. The 75-yard TD pass tied the score at 6-all. Nigerian-native Anthony Awosika booted the extra point to give the hosts a 7-6 lead.

It was up to the Viking defense to maintain the team's small advantage. With safety Charles Jefferson, who collected eight solo tackles and his third interception of the year, and junior defensive tackle Terry Willis, who had four sacks and seven solo tackles - all for big losses, Inkster shut out Willow Run the rest of the game.

"Our defense played exceptional-

ly well," said James later. "If you take away their first TD, the kids were great."

Running back Ron Perry rushed for 89 yards on 18 attempts, and most of those were in the Vikings' final drive which ended inside the Flyer's 20. Dawson had another phenomenal game as he hit on 14 of 28 passes for 275 yards and two TDs. His two-game totals include six TDs and 632 yards passing.

Oh, by the way coach, what about the Robichaud game? What do you have to say about that one?

"We know that they can be tough. These kids know each other and they aren't going to give up an inch without a fight. I'm looking for a battle over there."

And, you're going to get one, if the past is any indication of the future.



Getting the blocking from his teammates, Romulus' senior quarterback Jason Watson (2) has the time to look for his receivers on this play against Ypsilanti. A sensational TD catch in the fourth quarter by the Braves' Carlos Robinson, who also had a key interception in the closing minutes, gave the Braves a 18-14 Mega Conference victory over Coach Wade Cook's Eagles Friday night. Romulus is back in action Friday night when the Eagles travel to River Rouge where they will be in another thriller. Rouge is a pre-season favorite to capture the 2002 Mega-White Division championship. Photo by Carl Brown

Tight flight races continue in Women's Golf League

Only a stroke separated the winners from the losers in most flight competitions in the Women's Suburban Golf Association last week.

Westlander Carolyn Benninger surfaced with a one-stroke edge over a pair of golfers in the First Flight, Low Gross competition as Benninger posted an 87, while Jan Antieu, of Brighton, and Terry Deisler, of Wayne, finished in a dead heat for runners-up honors. The

pair shot an 88.

In Low Net action, Birmingham's Pat Meyers defeated Southfield's Carol Niemur, again by one stroke, 69-70, to check in the clubhouse with first place honors.

Over in the second flight, Walled Lake's Gwen Wyer toured the Hickory Creek Golf Course with an 93 to beat Farmington Hills' Joy DiFranco for the Low Gross honors. Wyer carded a 93; DiFranco checked in

with a 96. In the duel for Low Net accolades, Plymouth's Karen Pilon had a commanding five-stroke edge over Penny Irwin. Pilon shot a 67.

In the Third Flight, Pat Wilson claimed a nine-stroke victory over Howell's Rae Wenslaoe for the best Low Gross score of the afternoon. The Dearborn Heights golfer finished with a 96, as compared to Wenslaoe's 105.

Pat Henke won the Low Net competition in that flight as the Wayne golfer beat out Dearborn Heights' MaryAnn Kraft, 71-74.

Vikings place 4-0 record on Country Day block

There is no question that Inkster coach Dave Mann and his Vikings like to live dangerously.

If you don't believe it, then why would a Class C school take on one of the best that the Class A has to offer?

That's what will occur on Sept. 15 when Class A state runner-up, Saginaw Heritage, which lost the state title to Lansing Everett a year ago, meet in the opening (11:45 a.m.) game of the Lady Roundball Classic hosted by Detroit Country Day.

The Vikings will kickoff the tournament at the prominent private school (Lasher and 13 Mile Road), and will close out the tournament playing Detroit Cass Tech at 7:15 p.m. the same day.

Why would a small school like Inkster take on a giant like Saginaw Heritage?

"You learn by playing the best, and Saginaw Heritage is among the best in the state," stressed Mann, whose Vikings ended the week with a perfect 4-0 record. "We know that Heritage has a lot of talent - and we are going to see just how we can handle teams of that caliber."

The Vikings picked up No. 3 and No. 4 victories at the expense of Sterling Heights Stevenson and Kalamazoo Central last week.

Outscoring Stevenson 28-5 in the second period with the help of Keisha Young's eight points, Inkster broke open a close game and went on to post their fourth consecutive victory, 77-41.

Young and Brittany Evans each

scored 15 points in the rout, while teammates Laelah Qawee added 12 and Khadigrian Murphy contributed 10.

Stevenson also received an exceptional individual performance by Christine Tisco who drilled 18 points.

Earlier in the week the Vikings traveled to Kalamazoo Central where they not only posted a 67-50 victory over the hosts but they also were rewarded with six large containers of chocolate chip cookies, presented to them by their coach's mother, Dora.

"Would you believe that as I

got on the bus, one of my players handed me two cookies - all that was left of the batch," said Mann. "Is there no justice?"

Sure there is coach - ask mother to bake some more and send it to the MCN Sports Staff. They'll make sure you get the cookies.

Anyway, the Vikings had five players hit in double figures against Kalamazoo. Qawee's 17 points topped the field; Murphy finished with 13, while Smith and Easley each had 11, and Evans finished with 10.

Central got 14 points from Telisha Saunders.

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**WAYNE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING NO. 2002-25
SEPTEMBER 3, 2002**

Regular Meeting of the City Council held Tuesday, September 3, 2002 at 8:00 p.m. at Wayne City Hall. All Members Present. Oath of Office administered to new Councilman Donald L. Hartford. APPROVED: minutes of Regular Meeting of August 20, 2002; proclamation of September 11, 2002 as Always Remember 9-11 Day, September 11-17 as National Civic Participation Week and a resolution in support of a Fix It First Infrastructure Policy; amended site plan for Wayne Tree Manor, 35100 Van Born Road; first reading of an ordinance regarding massage parlors; resignation of Donald Hartford from the Housing Comm.; appointment of Teresa Harnos to the Recreation Adv. Bd. to July 2005 and Amy Allen to the Comm. On Aging to July 2004; resignation of Ginger Hartford from the Planning Comm. and appointment of Amy Dawn Miller until July 2003; reappointment of Patrick Biondi to the Personnel Bd. to April of 2005; Traffic Control Order No. 487, 4 handicap parking spaces on the east end of Attwood Dr.; Mayor Haidous as delegate and Mayor Pro Tem as alternate delegate to the Michigan Municipal League annual meeting; Weed List No. 2002-9; resolution to declare that abandoned tax delinquent property be identified and inspected and may be characterized as certified abandoned property, subject to accelerated forfeiture and foreclosure under Michigan Law; Maintenance Agreement with Oakwood United Hospital, Inc., regarding their stormwater drainage collection system; lot split for Parcel #55-019-0497-000, Harroun Park No. 1 Currier Investment Company's Sub.; declaration of 35605 Glenwood Rd. and 33542 Morris St. a Hazard/Nuisance; FY '02-'03 Compensation Plan for Department Heads, Deputy Police and Fire Chiefs and the Assistant Personnel Director. Deferred the declaration of 4532 Hayes St. a Nuisance/Hazard until brought back by Administration. Received and filed Communications and Reports and Consent Calendar. Adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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BY ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WAYNE

Mary E. Carney
City Clerk

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Sophomore Romulus coach gets her biggest victory

State hoops champ falls to Eagles

Team captain Ashley Sibby sank four crucial free throws during the closing seconds of the game to seal a 68-66 Romulus victory over defending Class C state champs, Detroit Benedictine, in a non-conference girls' basketball game.

Belleville had tied the game thanks to Ebonique Gibson's basket, setting the stage for the nail-biting finish. The Eagles had leads of 20-15 and 44-31 at the end of the first two periods and managed to stay up by seven (58-51) for three before Gibson and Lauren Hall launched the Ravens' counter-attack.

Romulus coach Rhonda McAllister

ter, in her second year as head coach, commended her team's overall performance and also singled out junior center Alicia Harbor for special praise.

Harbor scored 15 points, but also contributed 18 rebounds. She controlled the boards in the closing seconds enabling the Eagles to keep possession of the ball.

"This definitely is the biggest victory of my coaching career," said McAllister. "Benedictine has an excellent team and to come away with the win is just great."

Romulus also had three other players scoring in double figures. Brittany Brooks shared individual scoring honors with Benedictine's Gibson. Both scored 18 points. Romulus' soph guard Janiece Armstrong added 14, while Sibby, along with those four key free throws, had 16.

Romulus also managed to eke out a 52-50 victory over a tough Lincoln Park team. Tied at 9 and 23 af-

ter the first two periods, the Eagles took a five-point lead, 41-37, into the fourth quarter which was challenged by the RailSplitters.

In the closing minutes Tiffany Durham, who scored a game-high 21 points, put LP up by six, but Armstrong replied with back-to-back three-pointers that tied the game at 50. Then, Hawkins sank a pair of free throws with 35 seconds left to give the Eagles the win.

Armstrong and Hawkins each scored 15 for the winners, while Brooks counted 11.

Lincoln Park also received double figures from Joyce Kaprina who scored 11 points.

The 3-0 Romulus ball club also defeated Robichaud, 53-47, despite an outstanding individual performance by Mary Riley who scored a game high 26 points for the Bulldogs.

Armstrong led the Eagles with 13, while Hawkins finished with 12 and Brooks contributed 11.

Belleville breaks into win column

After two frustrating setbacks, Belleville and coach Kevin Edwards got their first victory of the 2003 girls' basketball season.

The Tigers turned back Highland Park, 66-47, on Thursday in a Mega Conference crossover game. The victory snapped a two-game losing streak. Earlier last week, Belleville fell to the Islanders of Grosse Ile, 45-38.

"I am very happy that the kids got their first victory under their belts," said Edwards after the game. "We have some young players on this team and after two straight losses, I

didn't know how they would accept losing."

Belleville jumped out in front 15-10 after the first period and protected their five-point advantage as each team tallied 16 points in the second period. The Tigers led 31-26 at the half and increased their advantage by 11 points with a 14-8 scoring edge in the third period. Highland Park didn't threaten after that.

Belleville's Lisa DeBuck and Amanda Combs shared the game's individual scoring honors. Each sank 14 for the winners. For Highland Park, Irene Garrett's 13 points were tops for the Parkers who also sank six of 14 from the free throw line.

The Islanders had a rough time with Belleville's half-court press. Grosse Ile led 16-12 and 27-20 after the first two quarters, but the Tigers exchanged baskets equally with

their hosts during the final two periods. The Islanders led 37-30 at the end of three periods and each team scored eight points in the finale as Grosse Ile posted its third consecutive victory, 45-38.

Grosse Ile's Anne Strong's 17 points led all scorers. Belleville's Combs had 16. The Tigers also capitalized on five of six free throws while the Islanders made 15 of 22.

Edwards and the Tigers played undefeated Romulus on the home court on Tuesday and will head for Ann Arbor on Friday to take on Greenhill.

Edwards said he is satisfied at the way his defense is progressing, but at the same time notes that the offense needs to perk up.

"Our defense is fine," said the veteran coach and former Belleville High basketball star, "but we have to find a way to score."

Schuette has Rockets flying to a 4-0 start

The return of veteran basketball coach Mike Schuette to the sidelines apparently is just what the John Glenn girls' basketball program needed this season.

Schuette, who coached girls basketball at Redford Thurston and also was the head boys' basketball coach at John Glenn before he resigned four years ago, has returned as head varsity coach for the girls team at Glenn.

"I came back because the for-

mer Glenn coach (Don Albrecht) apparently had decided to pursue his doctorate, so there was a vacancy. I decided to apply for the position and was hired."

And the girls are happy.

Glenn beat the former coach's high school team, Thurston, 44-37, last week for their fourth consecutive win against no losses.

"We shut them out in the fourth quarter. That was the difference," said Schuette, in a telephone

interview on Sunday.

Also key to the victory was the defensive effort by Brittney Butler who held Thurston's leading scorer, Alex Doodley, to six points. Earlier in the year, Doodley scored 18 in a tournament game against the Rockets.

Glenn held a slim 10-6 lead after the first period which dissipated when the Eagles came back and outscored them 18-8 to go up 24-18. Both teams scored 13 points

in the third period which set the stage for a battle to the finish.

"We picked them up at the time line, but it was also important that we stop Doodley. Brittany did an exceptional job on defense which helped turn the game around for us," said Schuette.

Shara Tyree scored a game high 18 points for the Rockets, while Krystal Davis scored 11. Butler also contributed nine for the Rockets who canned 11 of 21

at the free throw line.

Glenn is not scheduled to play tonight.

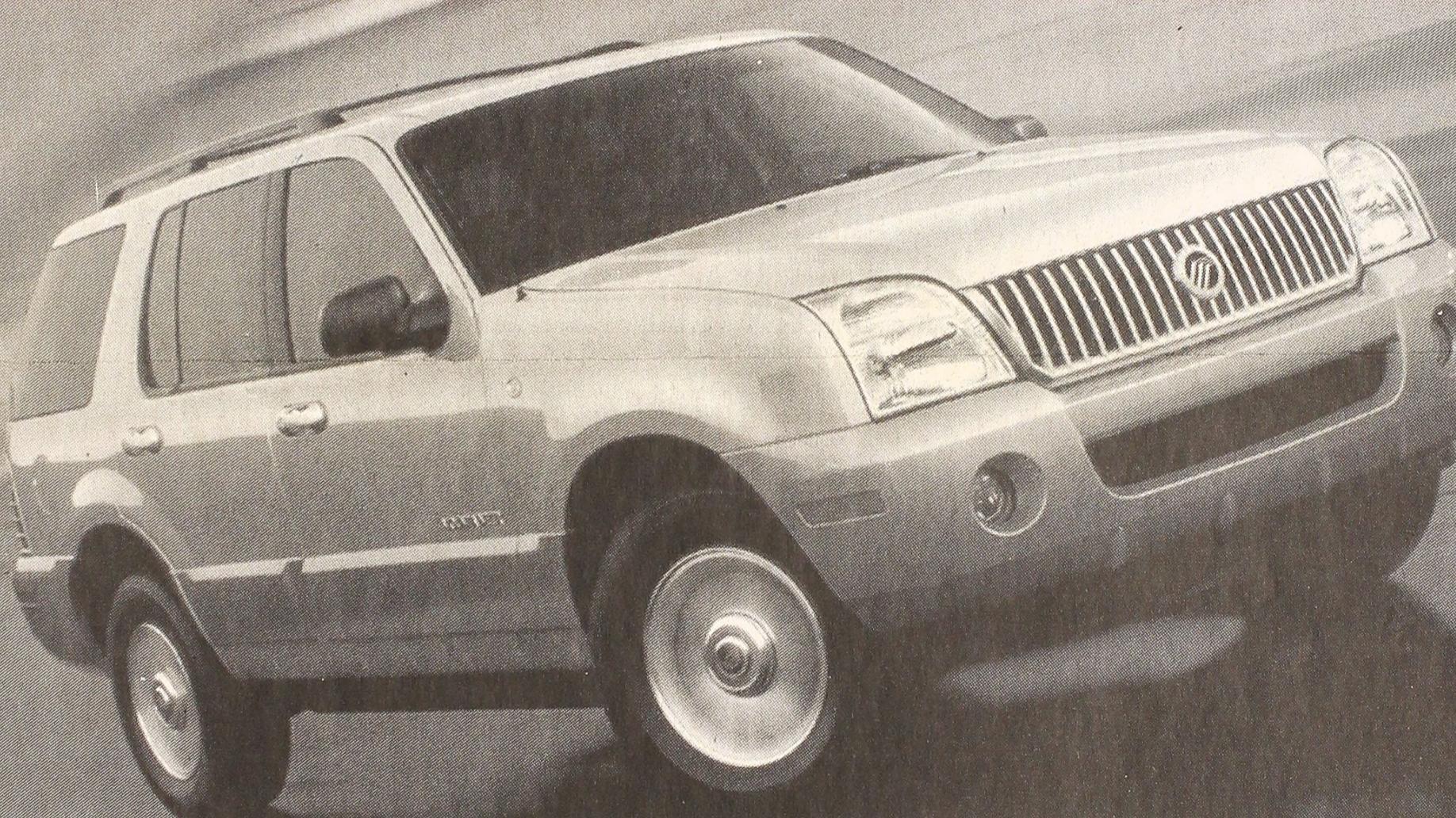
In the meantime, newly-appointed head coach Dan Kaminski and Wayne Memorial are seeking their first win of the season after losing their opening two games. Monroe crushed the Zebras, 52-22, as Stacy Votkofsky scored seven points for the hometown team.

Wayne gave Taylor Truman a

battle but was turned back, 52-34, for their second loss. The game was closer than the final score indicates as the hosts trailed only by six at one point in the last period before Sue Moore gave the winners some breathing room with a lay-up and a short jumper. Moore scored a game high 22 points.

Wayne's Renita Price tossed in 12 point and Shannah Jones collected seven for the Zebras.

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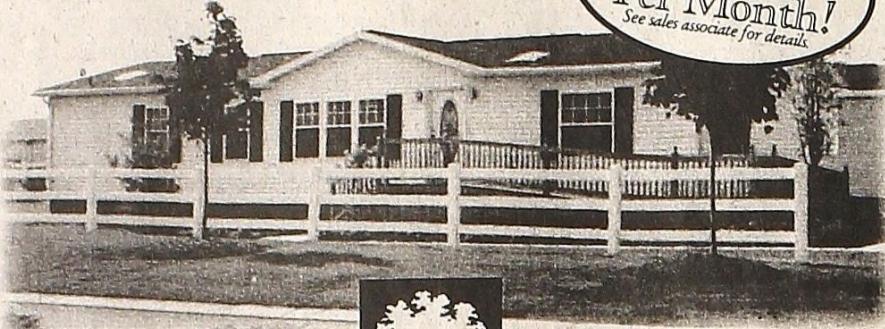
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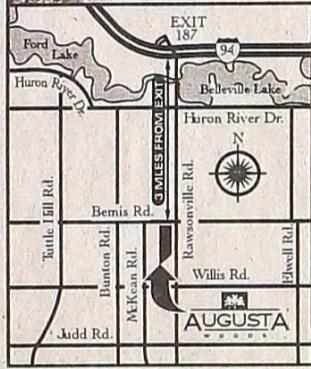
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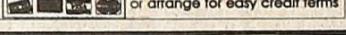
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